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## Esper has seen no hard evidence for embassies' threat claim

By ROBERT BURNS  
AP National Security Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Mark Esper explicitly said Sunday that he had seen no hard evidence that four American embassies had been under possible threat when President Donald Trump authorized the targeting of Iran's top commander, raising questions about the scale of the threat described by Trump last week. As the administration strug-

gled with its justification for the drone strike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Esper and other officials tried to refocus attention on voices of dissent in Iran. Esper said street protests in Tehran show the Iranian people are hungry for a more accountable government after leaders denied, then admitted shooting down a Ukrainian passenger plane.

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In this image from video, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper talks to the press on Iran and Iraq, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at the Pentagon in Washington.

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In this Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 photo, Jefferson County Sheriff Mark Pettway speaks in a cell at the old county jail in Birmingham, Ala.

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## Alabama county to preserve jail remnant where MLK was held

By JAY REEVES  
Associated Press  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

— An Alabama county is preserving what's left of the lockup where officials say Martin Luther King Jr. served his final time behind bars just months before his assassination.

Jefferson County commissioners unanimously approved a resolution Thurs-

day to memorialize and preserve an area on the seventh floor of the county courthouse that used to be a jail. Much of the floor is now used for storage and mechanical equipment.

Sheriff Mark Pettway said the civil rights leader was held on the floor in 1967, when he served three days for contempt after losing an appeal on his conviction for demonstrating without a permit years earlier. A timeline produced with the help of the King estate cites the stint as King's last time in jail. King was assassinated about five months later in Memphis, Tennessee. A small area including two pale-green cells, an isolation chamber, a shower and mechanical equipment are all that remain from the old jail. The county doesn't know whether King was held in that exact section or another section that has since been removed.

But commission member Lashunda Roberts-Scales said it was important to preserve what's left of the jail regardless since King

was there. The community needs to "recognize its past mistakes" to move forward, she said. "We believe that the public should have the right, for educational purposes, to know about King's last movements before he was assassinated. That's very important to us," said Roberts-Scales. The county plans to convert the area into a tourist attraction that could open soon, she said.

An old jail log that includes King's name and that of his brother, A.D. King, hangs in a conference room at the office of Pettway, the first black sheriff in Jefferson County. Pettway said he first saw the old jail after joining the department as an officer in 1999 but didn't realize its connection to King until a worker showed him the booking record recently. He called the jail remnants a "hidden treasure" that was largely forgotten. "The last time he was arrested, the last time he was housed in a jail, it was in the county jail here in Jefferson County," said Pettway. □

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## Recovery begins after storms that kill 11 in Midwest, South

**By The Associated Press undefined**

Thousands remained without electrical power Sunday morning after weekend storms ravaged parts of the Southeast and Midwest, causing 11 deaths, overturning cars, uprooting trees and reducing buildings to rubble.

The National Weather Service says it was a tornado packing winds of at least 134 mph (215 kph) that hit Alabama's Pickens County on Saturday, killing three. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey praised the state's first responders Sunday in a state-

ment expressing grief over the loss of life. In northwestern Louisiana, three deaths were blamed on high winds. A man in his bed in Oil City, Louisiana, was crushed to death by a tree that fell on his home early Saturday. A couple in nearby Bossier Parish were killed when the storms demolished their mobile home. The National Weather Service said a tornado with 135 mph winds hit the area.

Icy road conditions were blamed for Saturday deaths in Lubbock, Texas, where two first responders were killed when they

were hit by a vehicle at the scene of a traffic accident; and in Iowa, where a semi-trailer on Interstate 80 overturned, killing a passenger. Near Kiowa, Oklahoma, a man drowned after he was swept away by floodwaters, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

High winds and icy weather were factors in power outages affecting tens of thousands of people in the South and the Northeast. The PowerOutage.US website, which tracks outages, reported more than 40,000 outages in New York. More than 28,000 were without

power in the Carolinas on Sunday morning.


Entergy Corporation, said its subsidiaries serving Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi had more than 30,000 customers without power Sunday morning, most in Mississippi and Arkansas. That was down from a peak of 134,000 outages in the entire Entergy system. While most were expected to be restored later in the day, some in areas of Arkansas and Mississippi with extensive damage might take longer, said spokeswoman Lee Sabatini. □





City of Greenville, Miss., trucks and employees, work to clean up debris from a storm along Main Street, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, in Greenville, Miss.

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The plane was downed shortly after Iran launches strikes against US bases in Iraq in retaliation for Soleimani's killing.

"You can see the Iranian people are standing up and asserting their rights, their aspirations for a better government — a different regime," Esper said. He appeared on two Sunday news shows while national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, was interviewed on three others — pressing the White House's campaign to bring "maximum pressure" on Tehran to change its behavior.

O'Brien suggested the United States sees this moment as an opportunity to further intensify pressure on Iran's leaders, with whom the U.S. has been at odds for four decades. Iran's leaders already are under enormous strain from economic sanctions that have virtually strangled Iran's main source of income — oil exports.

Trump himself is under great pressure as he faces

an expected impeachment trial in the Senate. Many in Congress also are upset over his handling of Iran, complaining that the administration did not consult them in advance of the Jan. 3 strike that killed Iran's most powerful general, nor adequately brief members afterward. Trump complicated the debate by asserting on Fox News that he had to strike quickly because intelligence showed Iran could have attacked four American embassies. Both Esper and O'Brien said they agreed that Iran might have hit more than just the U.S. Embassy in the Iraqi capital. But Esper, when asked whether there was a specific piece of evidence, replied: "I didn't see one with regard to four embassies." And in response to a question about whether Trump was "embellishing" the threat, Esper said, "I don't believe so."

After the U.S. killed Soleimani in Baghdad, it appeared the backlash in Iran and elsewhere had helped Tehran by shifting the focus away from its internal

problems. The strike also seemed to divert attention away from domestic unrest in Iraq over government corruption, and it intensified efforts by Iraqi politicians to expel American and other foreign forces.

But the shutdown of the Ukrainian plane on the night of the Soleimani strike, killing all 176 people aboard, opened a new avenue of pressure for the Trump administration.

"This was a regime that's reeling from maximum pressure, they're reeling from their incompetence in this situation and the people of Iran are just fed up with it," he said, adding that regime change is not U.S. policy.

"The people of Iran are going to hopefully have the ability at some point to elect their own government and to be governed by the leaders they choose," O'Brien said.

In Tehran, Iran's security forces deployed in large numbers on Sunday. Demonstrators defied the heavy police presence to protest their country's days of



In this Jan. 8, 2020, photo, national security adviser Robert O'Brien, listens as President Donald Trump addresses the nation from the White House on the ballistic missile strike that Iran launched against Iraqi air bases housing U.S. troops in Washington.

Associated Press

denials that it shot down the Ukrainian plane. Videos posted online showed protesters shouting anti-government slogans and moving through subway stations and sidewalks.

Earlier Sunday, Trump tweeted his support for the Iranian protesters.

"To the leaders of Iran - DO NOT KILL YOUR PROTESTERS," Trump wrote on Twitter Sunday morning. "Thousands have already been killed or imprisoned by you, and the World is watching. More importantly, the USA is watching. Turn your internet back on and let reporters roam free! Stop the killing of your great Iranian people!"

Esper said Iran deserves credit for taking responsibility for the shutdown.

"My hunch is it was an accident," he said, adding that although Iranian government officials initially blamed American propaganda, they ultimately "did the right thing by admitting it." He said they need to allow a full investigation.

The Ukrainian plane crash early Wednesday killed all 176 people on board, mostly Iranians and Iranian-Canadians. After initially pointing to a technical failure and insisting the armed forces were not to blame, Iranian authorities on Saturday admitted to accidentally shooting it down with its air defenses. That acknowledgement came in the face of mounting accusations by Western leaders.

Iran downed the Ukrainian flight as Tehran braced for retaliation after firing ballistic missiles at two bases in Iraq housing U.S. forces. The ballistic missile attack,

which caused no casualties, was a response to the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top general, in a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad.

Iranians have expressed anger over the downing of the Ukrainian flight and the misleading explanations from senior officials in the immediate aftermath. Later the government took the blame for the shutdown, saying it was caused by human error.

Reviewing the dramatic sequence of events that preceded the downing of the Ukrainian jetliner Wednesday, Esper justified the U.S. killing of Soleimani as an act of self defense, and he said the U.S. foresees no more Iranian military attacks in retaliation for that. Even so, the leader of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which is closely aligned with Iran, said Sunday that Iran's missile attacks on two bases in Iraq housing U.S. forces last week were only the start of the retaliation.

Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was concerned that "Iran has lots of ways that they can take action against us, both overt and covert, and I don't think they're done trying to seek revenge."

Esper spoke hopefully of getting the NATO alliance more involved in Iraq to help train Iraqi security forces. He said this could allow him to reduce the number of American troops in Iraq, currently numbering more than 5,200, but he did not say any reduction was in the works yet. □

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## Not on form, but brawl over citizenship question continues

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

The U.S. Supreme Court decided a citizenship question won't be on this spring's census form, but that doesn't mean the fight over it has ended in courtrooms across the country.

In Maryland, civil rights groups are trying to block an order from President Donald Trump to gather citizenship data through administrative records. In New York, other civil rights groups are seeking sanctions against Trump administration attorneys for not turning over documents related to the citizenship question's origins. Democratic lawmakers in the District of Columbia are fighting for similar documents, and Alabama officials are suing the Census Bureau to keep immigrants living in the country illegally from being counted during the process that determines the number of congressional seats each state gets. All of the lawsuits touch on whether the number of citizens, instead of the total population, will be used for redistricting or apportionment — the process of divvying up congressional seats among the states after the 2020 census. Opponents say doing so would dilute the influence of minorities and Democrats, which they argue was the true intent of the Trump administration's desire to add a citizenship question in the first place.

The U.S. Constitution specifies that congressional districts should be based on how many people — not citizens — live there. But the legal requirements are



In this April 23, 2019 file photo, immigration activists rally outside the Supreme Court as the justices hear arguments over the Trump administration's plan to ask about citizenship on the 2020 census, in Washington.

murkier for state legislative districts. "The country is changing demographically, and people in power believe that the only way to stay in power is to disadvantage minority voters," said Andrea Senteno, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, one of the civil rights groups that sued Trump in the Maryland case. "What we're seeing now is a reflection of that. It's really about political power in the long term." Supporters of the question say the U.S. should know how many citizens there are.

"It's important for us as a country to know how many people are citizens," U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, a Republican from Georgia, said last week during a congressional hearing.

Last June, the U.S. Supreme

Court blocked the Trump administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census. The administration had said the question was being added to aid in enforcement of a law that protects minority voters' access to the ballot box. But the high court said the administration's justification for the question "seems to have been contrived."

Opponents argued it would intimidate immigrants, Hispanics and others from participating in the once-a-decade head count that determines how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is allocated and how many congressional seats each state gets.

House Democrats investigating the citizenship question's origins said a Trump transition adviser was in contact with an influen-

tial Republican redistricting guru, Thomas Hofeller, when the citizenship question was being drafted in 2017. Hofeller, who died in 2018, advocated using voting-age citizens, instead of the total population, as the population base for redistricting. In documents that surfaced after his death, he acknowledged his intent was to help Republicans and non-Hispanic whites. In the District of Columbia, Democratic lawmakers sued Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Attorney General William Barr for refusing to provide information for their investigation. The lawmakers say they need documents being withheld to determine whether Congress should take emergency action to protect the census from partisan political interference. In New York, civil

rights groups that helped win the Supreme Court case are seeking sanctions against Trump administration attorneys, saying they hid Hofeller's role in concocting the citizenship question.

After the Supreme Court blocked the question, Trump issued an executive order for the Census Bureau to gather citizenship information through administrative records from federal agencies and the 50 states. Gathering the citizenship data would give the states the option to design districts using voter-age citizen numbers instead of the total population, Trump said in his July order. A short time later, civil rights groups sued in federal court in Maryland, claiming the citizenship-data gathering was motivated by "a racially discriminatory scheme" to reduce the political power of Latinos and increase the representation of non-Latino whites."

The civil rights groups said in court papers last week that members of the Trump administration "conspired to reduce the political power of people of color" by following Hofeller's recommendation.

In Alabama, state officials and Republican U.S. Congressman Mo Brooks sued the Census Bureau to exclude people in the country illegally from being counted when determining congressional seats for each state. Their 2018 lawsuit claims Alabama stands to lose a seat if people living in the country illegally are included, diluting the state's representation in the Electoral College. □

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## Suit over Border Patrol detention conditions goes to trial

By **ASTRID GALVAN**  
**The Associated Press**  
**PHOENIX (AP)** — A years-old lawsuit challenging detention conditions in several of the Border Patrol's Arizona stations will go to trial Monday as the agency as a whole has come under fire following several migrant deaths.

The lawsuit filed in 2015 applies to eight Border Patrol facilities in Arizona where attorneys say migrants are held in unsafe and inhumane conditions. A preliminary injunction granted by U.S. District Court Judge David C. Bury in 2016 already requires the Tucson Sector to provide clean mats and thin blankets to migrants held for longer than 12 hours and to allow them to wash or

clean themselves. But advocates say the Border Patrol still holds immigrants for prolonged periods in filthy and freezing conditions. Although the lawsuit predates last year's surge in immigrant arrivals at the southern border, it illustrates the some of the challenges posed when migrants are detained, especially if they are children. Nearly 852,000 people — largely families with kids — were apprehended last fiscal year. This prompted cries of a crisis at the border from government officials looking to stem the numbers and widespread allegations of subpar conditions in Border Patrol facilities that are designed for short-term stays for adults.



In this Aug. 9, 2012, file photo, suspected illegal immigrants are transferred out of the holding area after being processed at the Tucson Sector of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection headquarters in Tucson, Ariz.

Photos from 2015 that were evidence in the case show men jammed together under an aluminum blanket and a woman using a concrete floor littered with trash to change a baby's diaper.

Others showed rusty toilets, dirty toilet paper on the floor and a malfunctioning water fountain. "We're talking about ensuring that the government is meeting constitutional

standards when it comes to the detention of people in these facilities," said Victoria López, advocacy and legal director for the ACLU of Arizona, one of the organizations that sued. □

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In this July 6, 2019, file photo provided by the Cal OES, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Gov. Gavin Newsom, far left, Mark Ghilarducci, Cal OES director, sitting third from left, and other city officials discuss the goals and strategy for days and weeks ahead in Ridgecrest, Calif.

**Associated Press**

## California sends earthquake response experts to Puerto Rico

**Associated Press undefined SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — California is sending 31 disaster specialists to Puerto Rico after a magnitude 5.9 earthquake struck the island's southern coast on Saturday, the latest in a series of quakes over the past week that have toppled homes and schools and left more than 4,000 people in shelters.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said the deployment comes in response to the Puerto Rican government's request for assistance. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services says in a statement that the team will depart from Sacramento on Sunday and will spend 16 days working with emergency management and public safety officials

there. The group consists of experts in incident and emergency management, engineering and safety assessment, planning, public information, debris management and crisis counseling. Earlier this week, Newsom approved the deployment of four firefighters to assist with search and rescue operations. □



# 12 shot, five dead, in single day of shootings in B'more

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Authorities say 12 people were shot, five of them fatally, in eight separate weekend shootings in Baltimore. The first of Saturday's shootings was reported at about 2:30 a.m. and involved three female victims, all found with apparent gunshot wounds in a car in a northeastern section of the city. One victim, a 28-year-old woman, died shortly after arriving at a hospital. A few hours later, police responding to a shooting in southeast Baltimore found a 46-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the leg. Then, a second shooting victim, a 40-year-old man, walked into a hospital seeking treatment for a gunshot wound to his leg. Shortly after 2:30 p.m. Saturday, police found a man fatally shot in southeast Baltimore. That was followed

less than half an hour later by a shooting in central Baltimore that left a 37-year-old man wounded. A 38-year-old man was found with a gunshot wound around 7 p.m. Saturday in northeast Baltimore. A shooting in southwest Baltimore about an hour later left one man wounded and another dead. More gunfire a few minutes later in northeast Baltimore left a 37-year-old man fatally wounded. Saturday's violence ended shortly before 11 p.m., when officers found a 24-year-old man fatally wounded in northwest Baltimore. The city recorded 348 homicides last year, its fifth consecutive year with more than 300 murders and the most violent year ever on a per-capita basis. City council president Brandon Scott, a Democrat



In this Feb. 11, 2019, photo, Michael Harrison, center, acting commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, speaks at an introductory news conference in Baltimore.

Associated Press

running for mayor, issued a statement Sunday condemning the violence. "A day that should have been met with pride and community was once again flooded with violence and loss," Scott wrote, an apparent reference to an NFL divisional playoff game hosted by

the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday night. "This violence is heartbreaking and must stop now," added Scott, who said he plans to question Baltimore's police commissioner and other agency heads about what they were doing in the affected communities before and after the shootings. □

# Pistol permit applications rise in New York community after attack

**MONSEY, N.Y. (AP)** — The number of residents seeking to own handguns has risen sharply in a New York community shaken last month by a machete attack that injured five men during a Hanukkah celebration. The Journal News reports 73 pistol permit applications have been filed with the Rockland County Clerk's Office since the Dec. 28 attack at a rabbi's home in Monsey, a hamlet in the town of Ramapo northwest of New York City. That compares to 51 applications the office received during the eight weeks prior to the stabbing, County Clerk Paul Piperato told the newspaper. Sixty-eight of the new applications came from Ramapo residents, including 31 from Monsey. "It's definitely because of this incident," Piperato told the newspaper, referring to

the attack. "In some way, shape or form, they want to defend themselves." Chief William Barbera of the Rockland County Sheriff's Department says an application is the first step in a months-long process. Applicants are required to be fingerprinted and undergo a background check and firearms training before the paperwork is submitted to a licensing officer. An academy run by veterans of the Israeli Defense Forces has been providing weapons training in Ramapo's synagogues since the machete attack, The Journal News reports. Its trainers have been advising Jewish residents to seek unrestricted pistol permits. "The goal is to be able to carry at synagogue and not to just possess at home and take to the range," said Yonatan Stern, the academy's director. □

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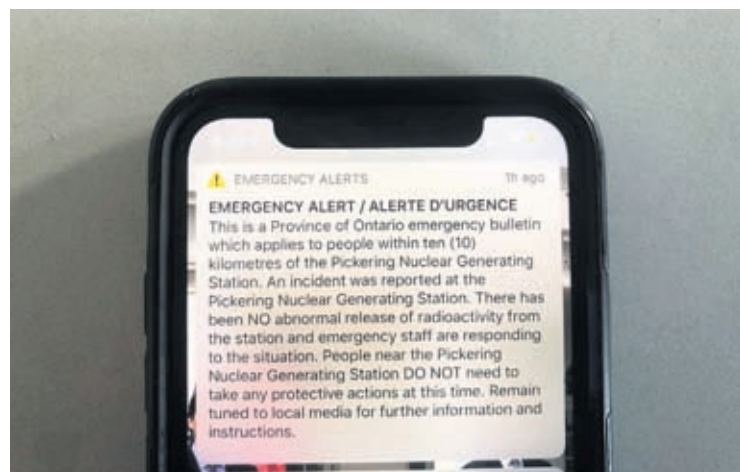
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An emergency alert issued by the Canadian province of Ontario reporting an unspecified "incident" at a nuclear plant is shown on a smartphone Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.

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## Canadian officials accidentally push nuke alert to millions

By **ROB GILLIES**  
**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — People throughout the Canadian province of Ontario awoke Sunday to a cellphone alert warning them of an "incident" at a nuclear plant just east of Toronto — only to later be told the message was a mistake. The message, which was transmitted throughout

the nation's most populous province, was accompanied by a shrill emergency broadcast noise. It said an unspecified event had occurred at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. There was no abnormal release of radioactivity, it added, and people did not need to take protective action. More than an hour later, utility officials sent another message saying the alert "was sent in error" and that there was "no danger to the public or environment."

"No further action is required," said the message, which was also sent to television screens. The alert went out during a routine training exercise being conducted by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Ontario Solicitor General Sylvia Jones said in a statement that apologized for the mistake.

She said the government had started a full investigation and would "take the appropriate steps to ensure this doesn't happen again." Jim Vlahos, a 44-year-old Toronto man, awoke to the alert and quickly made a hotel reservation more than 60 miles away in Niagara Falls. He said he figured he would go as far west as possible and then cross the border.

"Having watched 'Chernobyl' didn't help," he said, referring to the HBO show about the 1986 nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union. "The lack of communication following the alert didn't help either," he said. "I have no problem leaving my phone on for these types of alerts," Vlahos said. "But I would expect some more info from the government so I wouldn't have to

overreact the way I did." Many people slept through the first alert and saw it was a false alarm by the time they woke up.

Jonathan Davies, also 44, was taken aback when he spotted the alert while driving. But he waited until after he picked up his Tim Hortons coffee to check the news.

"I can't cope with much until I have my coffee, at least a few sips," he said. "I got scared and went online but found no information." He later saw the follow-up alert that indicated it was a false alarm.

Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan said he was "very troubled" by the message. He said on Twitter that he spoke to provincial officials and demanded an investigation. Toronto Mayor John Tory joined him, tweeting that there were "far too many unanswered questions" about the warning that was sent across the province of 14 million people.

"When we have continuous problems in these systems, then we have a lack of trust and people begin to ignore them. So that's the biggest fallout from this scenario," he said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's inspector general recommended changes to the emergency alert system in the United States after Hawaii officials in 2018 mistakenly warned the public about a nonexistent incoming ballistic missile. An employee at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency sent the missile alert to cellphones and broadcasters, triggering panic until the agency sent another message 38 minutes later notifying people it was a false alarm. □

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## Volcano erupts near Manila; villagers flee, airports shut

By **AARON FAVILA and JIM GOMEZ**

Associated Press

**TAGAYTAY, Philippines (AP)**

— A small volcano near the Philippine capital that draws tourists for its picturesque setting in a lake erupted with a massive plume of ash and steam Sunday, prompting the evacuation of tens of thousands of people and forcing Manila's international airport to shut down.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said Taal Volcano in Batangas province south of Manila blasted steam, ash and pebbles up to 10 to 15 kilometers (6 to 9 miles) into the sky in a dramatic escalation of its growing restiveness, which began last year. The volcanology institute raised the danger level around Taal three notches on Sunday to level 4, indicating "a hazardous eruption may happen within hours or days," said Renato Solidum, who heads the volcanology institute. Level 5, the highest, means a hazardous eruption is underway and could affect a larger area.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, but authorities scrambled to evacuate more than 6,000 villagers from an island in the middle of a lake, where the volcano lies, and tens of thousands more from nearby coastal towns, officials said. About 300,000 people were targeted to be moved to safety in Batangas overnight and in the next few days.

"We have asked people in high-risk areas, including the volcano island, to evacuate now ahead of a possible hazardous eruption," Solidum said.

Renelyn Bautista, a 38-year-old housewife who was among thousands of residents who fled from Batangas province's Laurel town, said she hitched a ride to safety from her home with her two children, including a 4-month-old baby, after Taal erupted and the ground shook mildly.

"We hurriedly evacuated when the air turned muddy because of the ashfall and it started to smell like gunpowder," Bautista said by phone.

Fallen ash covered the runways at Manila's international airport Sunday night. All departing and arriving international and domestic flights were suspended "due to volcanic ash in the vicinity of the airport" and nearby air routes, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said.

Aviation officials also ordered the closure of Clark International Airport north of the capital after ash fell in the area. Authorities said they were considering diverting flights to unaffected airports outside Manila. Norwegian Tonny Roger, who had flown to the Philippines to visit his wife, said he wasn't happy that his flight back to Norway was canceled, but he thought of the bright side.

"Well, I can see her more. I will go back to her now," he told The Associated Press at Manila's international airport.

The volcanology institute reminded the public that the small island where the volcano lies is a "permanent danger zone," although fishing villages have existed there for years. It asked nearby coastal communities "to take precautionary measures and be vigilant of possible lake water dis-

turbances related to the ongoing unrest."

Heavy to light ashfall was reported in towns and cities several kilometers (miles) from the volcano, and officials advised residents to stay indoors and don masks and goggles for safety. Motorists were hampered by poor visibility, which was worsened by rainy weather. □



Lightning strikes beside the ash cloud as Taal Volcano erupts Sunday Jan. 12, 2020, in Tagaytay, Cavite province, outside Manila, Philippines.

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# Australia turns from defense to offense in wildfire battle

By NICK PERRY

Associated Press

BODALLA, Australia (AP) — Crews battling Australia's wildfires said Sunday that they have been able to turn from defense to offense for the first time in weeks thanks to a break in the weather.

Dale McLean, who is helping manage the response to a fire near the town of Bodalla in New South Wales state, was part of team that was bulldozing down small trees and burning scrub ahead of the fire's projected path to try to stop it from reaching a major highway by starving it of fuel.

"This fire took a major run about seven or eight days ago, and with the weather changing now, the weather settling down, the fire has settled down," he said. "The fire behavior has changed. So we're able to get in front of the fire now, get on the offensive."

Other workers echoed McLean's comments, saying cooler temperatures and mild winds have finally offered them a chance to



A firefighter keeps an eye on a controlled fire as they work at building a containment line at a wildfire near Bodalla, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.

Associated Press

make progress. The weather is expected to remain benign for the next week, although any deterioration in conditions after that

could see the wildfires flare up again.

While battling the blazes, volunteer firefighting veteran Mick Stain found some moth larvae, or "witchetty grubs," and turned them into what's known in Australia as bush tucker by roasting them directly on the fire's burning coals.

"Bit creamy and nutty, but they're all right," Stain said. "They're not spew-worthy, so they're pretty good."

Meanwhile, U.S. tennis star Serena Williams donated her \$43,000 winner's check from New Zealand's ASB Classic to the fundraising appeal for victims of the wildfires, joining many other tennis stars to pledge money, including Ash Barty, Nick Kyrgios, Novak Djokovic and Maria Sharapova.

Also on Sunday, news came that another firefighter had been killed. Bill Slade — one of the few professionals among mainly volunteer brigades battling blazes across southeast Australia — died after being hit by a falling tree on Saturday near Omeo in eastern Victoria state, Forest Fire Management Victoria Executive Director Chris Hardman said.

The 60-year-old married father of two was commended in November for 40 years of service with the forestry agency.

"Although we do have enormous experience in identifying hazardous trees, sometimes these tree failures can't be predicted," Hardman said. "Working on the fire ground in a forest environment is a dynamic, high-risk environment and it carries with it significant risk." The tragedy brings the death toll to at least 27 in a crisis that has destroyed more than 2,000 homes and scorched an area larger than the U.S. state of Indiana since September. Four of the casualties have been firefighters.

The crisis has brought accusations that Prime Minister Scott Morrison's conservative government needs to take more action to counter climate change, which experts say has worsened the blazes. Thousands of protesters rallied Friday in Sydney and Melbourne, calling for Morrison to be fired and for Australia to take tougher action on global warming.

The prime minister said Sunday that his government

was building resilience to the fire danger posed by climate change.

He said the government was developing a national disaster risk reduction framework within the Department of Home Affairs that will deal with wildfires, cyclones, floods and drought.

"This is a longer-term risk framework model which deals with one of the big issues in response to the climate changing," Morrison said. He said his government accepted that climate change was leading to longer, hotter and drier summers, despite junior government lawmaker George Christensen posting on social media over the weekend that the cause of the latest fires was arson rather than man-made climate change.

Another junior lawmaker, Craig Kelly, has also publicly denied any link between climate change and fire crisis. State authorities have said a minority of fires are deliberately lit.

"The government's policy is set by the Cabinet. Our party room has a broad range of views," Morrison said of those within government ranks who reject mainstream climate science.

Morrison also announced that 76 million Australian dollars (\$52 million) would be spent on providing psychological counseling for firefighters and fire-affected communities as part of a previously announced AU\$2 billion (\$1.4 billion) recovery fund.

"There has been a deep scar in the landscape that has been left right across our country," Morrison said. "But I am also very mindful, as is the government, of the very real scars that will be there for quite a period of time to come for those who've been exposed to the trauma of these bushfires."

While the fire threat is most acute in rural communities, wildfire smoke that has choked some of Australia's largest cities is a reminder to many urban Australians of the unfolding disaster. □

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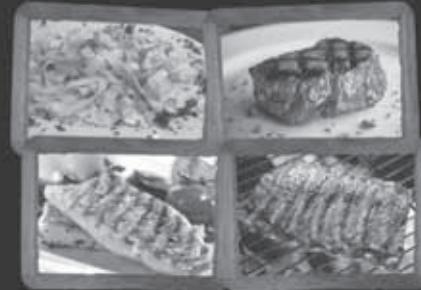


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In this Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 file photo, Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch's executive director, speaks during a news conference in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

## Hong Kong denies entry to Human Rights Watch director

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Hong Kong authorities barred the head of Human Rights Watch from entering the Chinese territory Sunday, the advocacy group said.

Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch's executive director, had planned to launch the organization's annual world report in Hong Kong this week. The report's focus is China's efforts to "deliberately undermine the international human rights system," Roth said in video posted to his Twitter. The move to bar Roth follows China's pledge last month to sanction organizations that it said "performed badly" in relation to anti-government protests that have roiled Hong Kong for more than seven months. Human Rights Watch, the National Endowment for Democracy and Freedom House were among the groups cited for sanctions.

Roth, a U.S. citizen, said on Twitter that immigration authorities at the airport told him he could not enter Hong Kong. When he asked why, they told him repeatedly that it was for "immigration reasons," without elaborating.

Roth said he has visited Hong Kong numerous times and this is the first time he has been denied entry.

Mass demonstrations — underpinned by a distrust of China's ruling Communist Party — began in Hong Kong in June, with protesters rallying against an extradition bill that was later withdrawn. The movement has since expanded to include demands for electoral reform and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality.

A former British colony, Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997. Under the framework of "one country, two systems," the territory was promised greater democratic rights than are afforded to the mainland. But protesters say their liberties have been steadily eroding under Chinese President Xi Jinping. □

## Malta's next premier vows 'continuity' amid car bomb fallout

By **STEPHEN CALLEJA**  
Associated Press

**VALLETTA, Malta (AP)** — A first-term lawmaker whose father was Malta's president was chosen to be the country's prime minister, replacing Joseph Muscat after weeks of protests demanding accountability in the investigation of the car bomb slaying of an anti-corruption journalist who targeted his government.

In his victory speech Sunday night, Robert Abela didn't assess Muscat's beleaguered final stretch in office. Abela also didn't cite the 2017 assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia, a shocking killing which deeply wounded much of Malta's psyche.

Criticism had poured in from abroad about inadequacies in the European Union country's judicial and police systems, and domestic critics expressed outrage that members of Muscat's inner circle had been linked to the still ongoing investigation to find out who ordered the assassination.

Still, Abela alluded to the national trauma triggered by the slaying in the island nation, saying that now "the ship has been steadied." The count on Sunday showed Abela received nearly 58% of votes cast Saturday by members of the governing Labour Party eligible to choose the new leader.

But although many Maltese had pushed for Mus-



Robert Abela, who will be sworn in as Prime Minister of Malta Monday, addresses a large crowds of supporters inside a volleyball court in Kordin, Malta, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.

Associated Press

cat's resignation in frustration over the handling of the investigation, the change in leadership might not bring much policy change.

Abela, a 42-year-old specialist in labor and industrial law, did pledge before the party vote to help repair Malta's reputation. But he is also widely considered a Muscat protege. The Labour Party, which commands a comfortable parliamentary majority, appeared to choose a leader who would follow much in Muscat's path.

A re-occurring word in Abela's victory speech, delivered after embracing and shaking hands with some of the hundreds of supporters packed into a sports arena, was "continuity."

Still, for opposition politicians, seeing Muscat resign because of public outrage gave some mea-

sure of satisfaction.

Stepping down midway though his second term as premier, Muscat earlier tweeted his congratulations, saying, "Proud to be handing over to him #Malta PM office on Monday," when Abela will be sworn in. Abela has said he would work to restore Malta's reputation for rule of law. Concerned EU lawmakers, after a fact-finding mission to the island, had criticized the member nation's judiciary and police.

Late last year, a close aide to Muscat was questioned in connection with Caruana Galizia's killing, denied wrongdoing and was released while still under investigation. A Maltese hotelier, who denies involvement, has been accused of complicity in the killing. Three other men, accused of triggering the bomb, are under arrest. □



# In Mexican capital, red shoes to protest killings of women

By **PETER ORSI**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP) — Stiletto heels. Clogs. Trainers. Tiny, child-size Crocs.**

Activists placed hundreds of painted-red women's shoes on Mexico City's sun-drenched main square Saturday to call attention to gender-based violence in a country where, on average, 10 women and girls are murdered each day and less than 10 percent of the cases are ever solved. As residents and tourists milled about the plaza, or Zocalo — the historical, political, cultural and religious heart of the country — demonstrators marched to the massive front door of the colonial-era National Palace and placed five pairs on the paving stones as a uniformed guard looked on.

"Not one more killed!" they cried to the beat of a drum. "The shoes represent absence, visualizing absence," said 60-year-old artist Elina Chauvet, who first realized the piece of performance-protest art in 2009 after her sister was killed by her husband in a domestic violence case in the northern border city of Juarez. "The red is for the blood that has been spilled, but it is also a work that speaks of love." The performance was the latest in a string of public demonstrations in re-



**A portrait of Eugenia Machuca Campos sits amid women's red shoes placed by activists to protest violence against women in the Zocalo, Mexico City's main plaza, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020.**

**Associated Press**

cent months over violence against women, including angry anti-rape protests in which demonstrators tossed glitter and defaced monuments; thousands of women in blindfolds chanting the feminist anthem "A Rapist in Your Path," a viral phenomenon across the Americas and around the world; and more low-key marches and even knit-ins. The common thread running throughout: Authorities' inability to solve the problem of gender-based violence in one of the world's most dangerous countries to be female. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has been office a little over 13 months, and allied officials

have pledged to make femicide and other gender-related crimes a priority. In November, Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum declared a gender violence alert for the capital, meaning that 20 of Mexico's federal entities have now done so. Sheinbaum said the measure would raise awareness of the problem and deliver better results. But for those at Saturday's protest, little to nothing has been seen as far as results. There were 3,662 femicides, or gender-related killings of women, in 2018, before López Obrador took office, and the rate continued apace in 2019 though there are not yet final fig-

ures for the year.

"On the contrary. They keep on killing us," said Elizabeth Machuca Campos, a 39-year-old artisan and women's rights activist from Ocoyoacac in the neighboring State of Mexico, whose sister was murdered there in 2017. She said a suspect was detained and sentenced but at the last minute the charge was changed from femicide to homicide—something that activists and groups such as Amnesty International say is frequently done by Mexican governments at multiple levels to juke the stats on gender violence. Machuca brought to the Zocalo a photo of her sister and the shoes she was

wearing when her body was found.

"Those pairs of shoes are missing their owners," she said, fighting back tears, "the women who have been torn from us."

The capital's new chief prosecutor, Ernestina Godoy Ramos, acknowledged Friday that she faces an "enormous" challenge in delivering public security for the city and promised justice in femicide cases.

"May it be heard loudly and from afar: There will be no impunity in the matter of femicides," Olga Sánchez Cordero, López Obrador's interior secretary, said the same day.

Violence against women is a problem that well predates the current government. In the 1990s and early 2000s, Ciudad Juarez was notorious for the unpunished killings and disappearances of hundreds of women and girls. Today activists often point to the State of Mexico, the country's most populous, as a flashpoint for femicides. Sacrisanta Mosso Rendón wore a T-shirt with the names and photograph of 17-year-old daughter, Karen, and 12-year-old son, Erik. Karen was raped and murdered are their house in Ecatepec, State of Mexico, in 2016, she said, and Erik was also home at the time and was strangled. □



**A resident walks past a cross during a memorial service honoring the victims of the 2010 earthquake, at Titanyen, a mass burial site north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Haitians on Sunday remembered the victims of the massive earthquake that killed more than 100,000 people a decade

ago, although the ceremony was marked by a protest against political mismanagement now and then. President Jovenel Moise laid flowers at a memorial

## Haitians remember victims of massive earthquake 10 years on

to the victims at a cemetery outside Port-au-Prince, joined by clergy, officials from his government and foreign ambassadors.

"The earthquake of January 12, 2010 left deep and indelible scars in the memory of an entire people," he said.

The 7.0 magnitude quake that hit Haiti's capital and surrounding areas just before 5 p.m. left a death toll ranging from around 100,000 to more than 300,000 people. Thousands still don't have adequate shelter a decade later, and the long-term quake

response is widely seen as a failure by both the Haitian government and foreign governments and aid groups.

Marie-Andre Michelle 42, said her children, aged 15 and 18, had died in the quake and even though she didn't know if they were buried at St. Christophe cemetery, she had saved to buy flowers to leave at the memorial in their honor. "I am not sure if my kids are on this site. Bodies were picked up from the hospital like animals," she said. "God only knows where they are now."

A small group of protesters led by well-known Haitian comedian Mathias Dandor were pushed back from the ceremony by police, but reached the memorial afterwards and destroyed the wreath of white flowers left by Moise, leaving their own in its place.

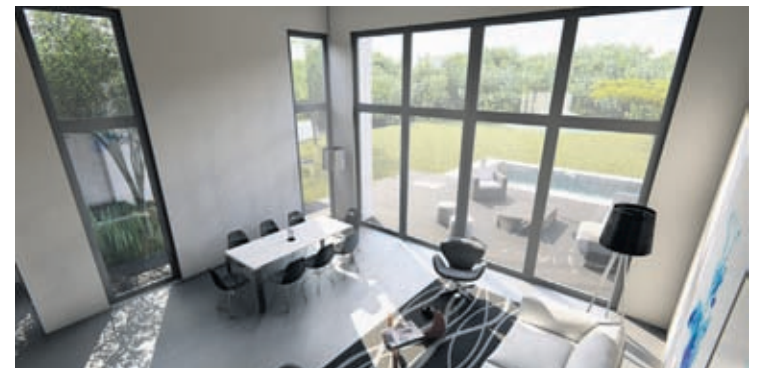
They said they were protesting years of government mismanagement, including Moise's failure to take on corruption or improve the economy or security. "The negligence of the state has cost thousands of people their lives," Dandor said. □



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# Aruba will have it's very own "Children's Museum"

**SANTA CRUZ — Aruba will soon have it's very own children's museum with the name "Aruba Museum of Play". A museum is known to be a place where you are not allowed to touch anything. A children's museum is the opposite of this where children are encouraged to play with everything inside of the museum and in this way are able to learn in different areas such as art, science and humanities.**

Everything in the museum is "hands-on" and interactive so each child can explore the museum on their own pace and in their own way together with their parents, family and friends.

Kids can touch, play, climb on, climb through and experiment with all the items within each of the museum exhibits.

More and more, research shows that open-ended educational experiences are critical to a child's development. Children's museums help children develop essential foundational skills, spark their creativity, foster curiosity and give them a love of learning that they will take with them throughout their lives. A children's museum is also beneficial to its community as it serves as a place where families can come together to spend time and learn and play together.



Everything started when co-founder of the museum, Reuella Berg, visited a children's museum in Charleston, South Carolina in 2018 with her two children. It was there that she saw how her children spent an entire morning playing and at the same time learning in an environment created just for them. Reuella felt inspired and motivated to bring something similar to her home country so that all the children of Aruba are able to experience something like this. In 2019 they started finding out ways on how to make this possible and in November of 2019 the official non-profit was launched under the name



"Aruba Museum of Play". The non-profit currently has a board of directors consisting of seven local members who are ready and able to work on making this project become a reality. The board of directors are:

- **President: Henk Reeberg**
- **Secretary: Ziziane Flemming**
- **Treasurer: Anthony Martina**
- **Member: Alvin Boekhoudt**
- **Member: Naomi Werleman-Richards**
- **Member: Kiziah Arends**
- **Member: Reuella Berg**

Now that they have officially launched the non-profit, the board of directors wanted to make the entire island of Aruba aware of this beautiful project to be able to make it become a reality. The museum is already part of the "Association of Children's Museum" which currently has a network of 425 children's museum in 20 countries where they share their experiences, knowledge and help each other out so that more countries around the world can have their very own children's museum. For more information regarding this association you can visit their website <https://www.childrensmuseums.org/>.

Naturally to be able to realize this project funds need to be raised. It is for this reason that the board of directors invites local and international businesses and organizations that would like to contribute and be part of this project to contact us directly so that we can set up a meeting and provide more information and come to an agreement.

Would you like to give a helping hand in making this project possible? Come and participate in this year's Aruba Doet where we will clean up a piece of land where we would like to construct the children's museum. You can sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.arubadoet.com/aw/node/694>

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**EAGLE BEACH** — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. The Emerald Ambassador certificate is presented to guests who visit Aruba 35 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were couple **Stuart & Susan Bernstein** from USA. The Bernsteins have been visiting Aruba for 36 years consecutively. The Emerald Ambassador certificate is the highest certificate that we present. The ceremony was one of importance to because honoring visitors who have been coming to Aruba

for over 35 years is incredibly rare and it was a very memorable moment for all of us.

They stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its safety and Aruba's warm and friendly people who have become like family to them.

Richardson together with the representatives of the La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □

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## Birds of Aruba

**ORANJESTAD** — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Birdlife Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their social media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures



and descriptions from the foundations Facebook page.

### Barbacoo or Bare-eyed Pigeon

This is beauty in Aruba, actually a bare

beauty and one of Aruba's jewels. A master survivor of our arid habitat. This bird can only be found at the Caribbean coast of Colombia and Venezuela and nearby islands. A Bare-eyed Pigeon exhibiting its scaled neck patch and its feature bare orbital skin. Name in Papiamento is Barbacoo, in Dutch: Naaktoogduif.



### Bubali's Cirque du Soleil

Birds can be quite creative and sometimes it seems that they can put on quite a display of skills to entertain the lucky onlookers. With some patience, one may even discover that Aruba's bird wildlife just happens to have its own Cirque du Soleil. When there is no hard surface to stand on, our birds know how to get creative. An Aruban wetlands acrobat demonstrating one of its balancing acts survival tricks. A Least Bittern on the hunt at Aruba's Bubali Wetlands. In Papiamento: Garabet enano, in Dutch Zuid-Amerikaanse Woudaap.



### Beauty in Aruba: Mangrove guest

Mangroves are beacons of life. Many species of fauna depend on mangroves for their survival. A Yellow Oriole is snooping around in the mangroves for some protein for its offspring. Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect. Do it for the children. □

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### Community Museum



Here in Aruba we do have much more than white beaches so leave the beach for a day to enjoy this museum in San Nicolas and the Museum of Industry also in this photo. With the opening of the refinery in 1927 many workers came from the other islands in the Caribbean and so did Mr Nicolaas who came from Bonaire and opened the Nicolaas Store in San Nicolas in 1930. The Community Museum is housed here and a must visit. The Museum of Industry in the old water tower is visible in this photo too.

### My wife told me that I'm just like a monkey



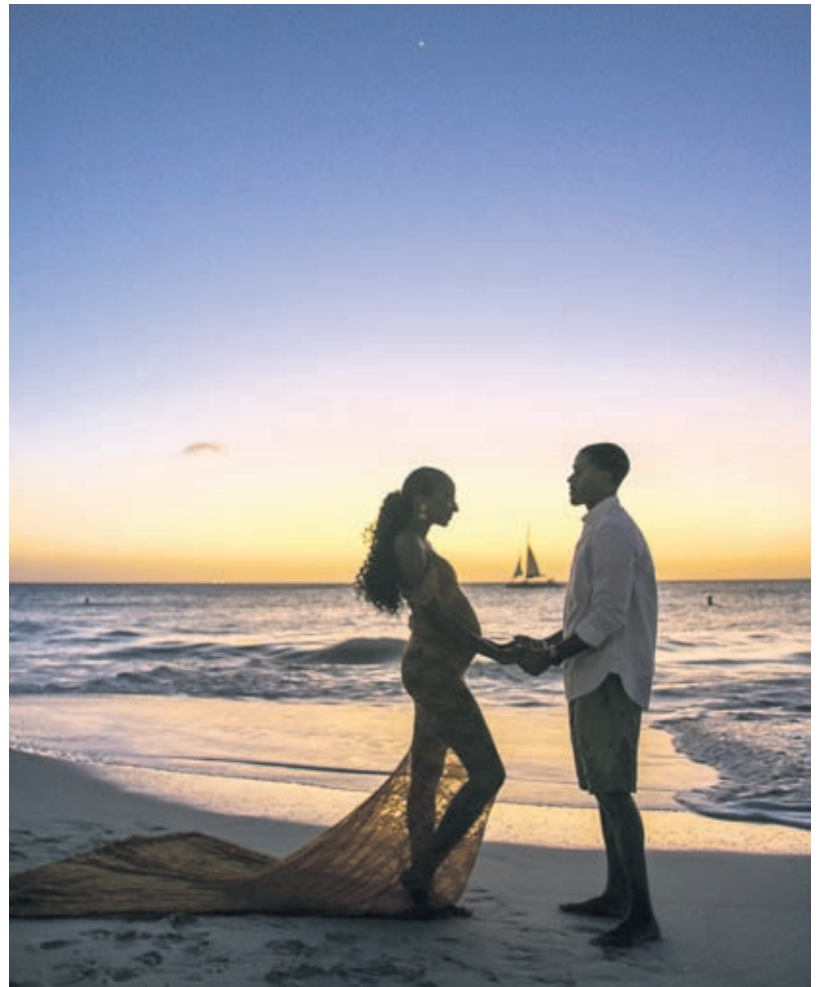
Yes, this is true because I'm obsessed with bananas and coconut water just like monkeys do. There are three places where you can find fresh coconut water. The first one is next to the big red anchor on the road to Baby Beach. The other one is on your left going to downtown from the airport and the Coconut Big Dad is at the California Lighthouse. This guy makes also coconut ice cream. I drink a minimum of one coconut water a day and it's so good for your health and will prevent kidney stones.

### Dak di panchi (clay roof tiles)



Here in Aruba this "dak di panchi" can be seen on every Aruban houses and I'm fascinated with this Dutch architecture design with clay roof tiles. Dated 700 BC and still it will enhance your house in this modern era. In the last centuries houses were yellow and white but nowadays the more colorful the better and I love that concept. This house can be seen in the Kudawecha neighborhood and for sure you must stop to take some colorful photos.

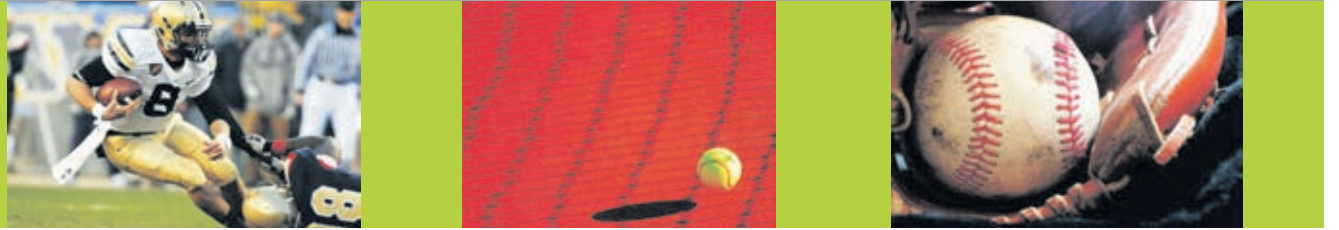
### Baby moon



Aruba also benefits from this increasingly growing trend for mums-to-be to head off on holiday with their partners before the imminent happiness of the new arrival. This is a photo I took of this amazing couple Danielle and Josh. This baby boy will for sure be an Aruban ambassador, mark my words.



# SPORTS



United States Serena Williams makes a return during her finals singles match against United States Jessica Pegula at the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand, Sunday, Jan 12, 2020.

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## 'It feels good': Serena Williams ends 3-year title drought

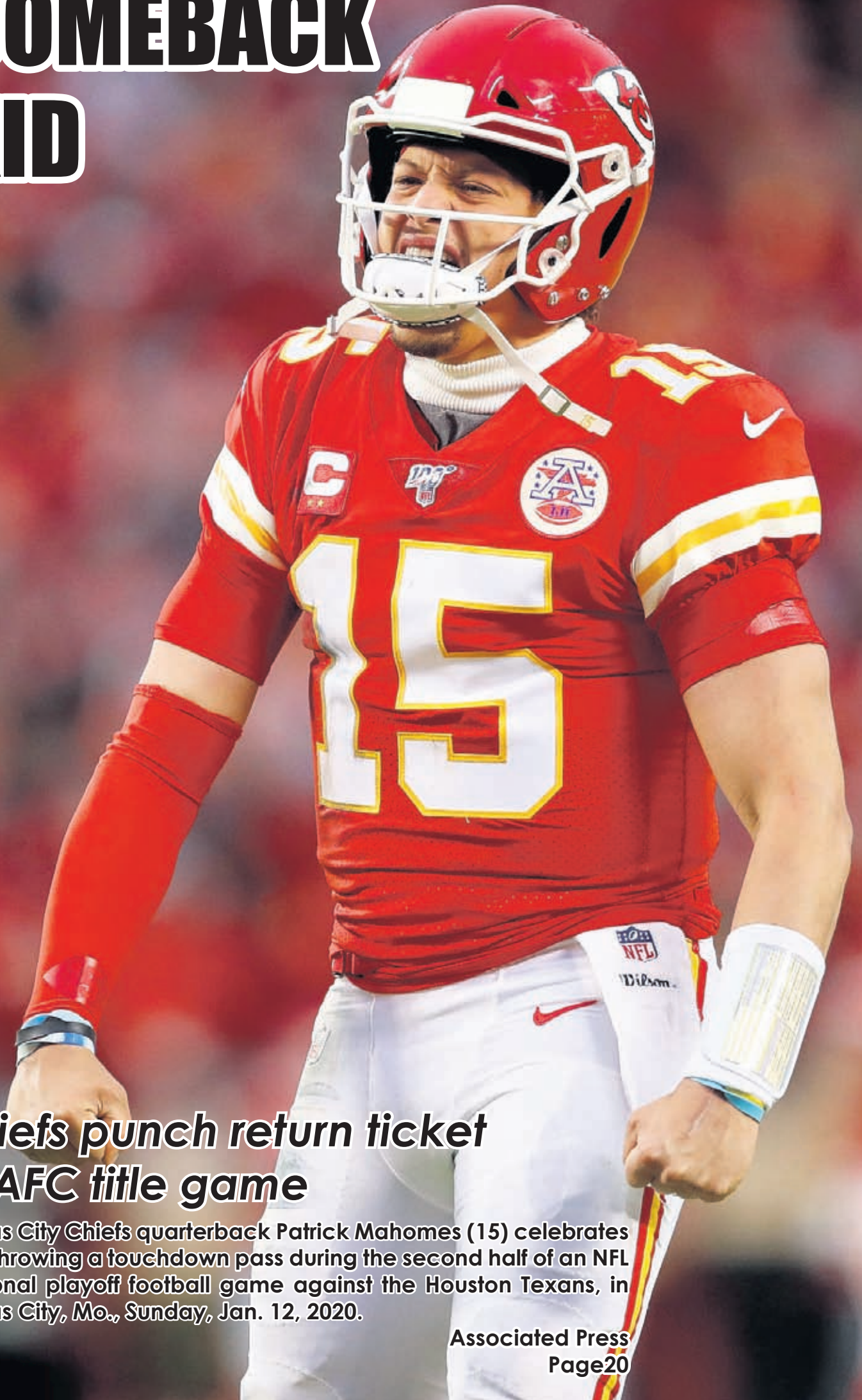
**AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)** — Serena Williams ended a three-year title drought when she beat fellow American Jessica Pegula 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday to win the singles final at the ASB Classic. Williams hadn't won a title since the Australian Open in January 2017, and not since she became a mother to her daughter Olympia, who was court-side to see the victory.

"It feels good. It's been a long time," Williams said. "I think you can see the relief on my face."

The 23-time major winner donated her \$43,000 winner's check to the fundraising appeal for victims of Australian wildfires, joining many other tennis stars, such as Ash Barty, Nick Kyrgios, Novak Djokovic and Maria Sharapova, who have pledged money to the already months-long fire emergency there.

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# COMEBACK KID



## Chiefs punch return ticket to AFC title game

**Kansas City Chiefs** quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Houston Texans, in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.

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# Bogdonovic, Gobert help streaking Jazz beat Wizards 127-116

By IAN QUILLEN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Even on their biggest roll in two years, the Utah Jazz believe they can get a lot better.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 31 points, Rudy Gobert added 21 points and 14 rebounds and the Jazz beat the Washington Wizards 127-116 on Sunday for their ninth straight victory.

Utah overcame a 15-point deficit in the third quarter to win for the 14th time in 15 games and climb up to second place in the Western Conference.

"It's pretty good, but we feel like we can be a lot better," Gobert said. "The goal is not just to be second in the West, but be the best team in the West at the end of the playoffs."

Jordan Clarkson added 17 of his 23 points in the second half for the Jazz, one of six players in double figures as team scoring leader Donovan Mitchell sat out because of an illness.

"Obviously, Donovan is one of our key guys, so there's always going to be a lot of adjustment, a little different from any player," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "I thought our guys did a really good job of absorbing that collectively."

Bradley Beal scored 25 points for Washington after missing five games with right leg soreness.

Davis Bertans added 18 points and Jordan McRae had 16. Washington lost at home for the first time in four games after letting the third-quarter lead evaporate.

"I think our aggression on both ends of the floor kind of slipped," Beal said. "Turning the ball over, shot selection. Sometimes we had a lot of one-pass shots, no-pass shots. We were kind of slow pushing the pace."

Utah had a 21-3 run to take an 83-80 lead late in the third quarter. Clarkson gave Utah its first advantage since midway through the first quarter with a driving layup that made it 81-80, and followed that with a floater.

The teams traded baskets for the remainder of the

third, but Gobert's layup gave Utah the lead for good with 10 seconds left in the quarter.

The Jazz opened the fourth on a 14-5 run to build their lead to 11.

Washington would close it to within three once, but Gobert's three dunks inside the final four minutes helped seal the win.

"He does a good job of just being seven feet, and using his arms and his length to his advantage," Beal said.

**TIP-INS**

Jazz: Mitchell sat out two days after playing through illness Friday night. Emmanuel Mudiay started in Mitchell's place. ... Utah last won nine in a row from March 2-18, 2018.

The Jazz also had an 11-game winning streak ear-

lier that season. ... Gobert picked up his team-high fifth technical foul.

Wizards: Prior to the game, waived guard C.J. Miles, who had been out since late November following wrist surgery, signed former two-way center Anzejs Pasecniks to a full-time contract, and signed forward Johnathan Williams to a two-way contract. ... Beal played 27 minutes after coach Scott Brooks said his time would be limited. His season low is 24.

**KEY INGREDIENT?**

Utah's nine-game streak lines up exactly with Clarkson's arrival in a trade from Cleveland the day before Christmas. His 23 points bested his previous high for Utah of 20 twice.

"He made some huge plays, through the whole



Utah Jazz forward Bojan Bogdanovic (44) goes to the basket against Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal (3) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, in Washington.

Associated Press

game, but especially at the end," Gobert said. "Getting to the rim, getting fouled, finding the open way, he did a tremendous job."

**GETTING HEALTHY**

In addition to Beal, Bertans

was in his second game back after missing nine with a quad injury. Center Thomas Bryant scored eight points in 15 minutes in his return after missing 20 games with a foot injury. □

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## Chiefs rally from 24-0 hole to beat Texans 51-31 in playoffs

By **DAVE SKRETTA**  
AP Sports Writer

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — The Kansas City Chiefs are back in the AFC championship game.

How they returned to the brink of their first Super Bowl appearance in 50 years was unlike anything anybody could have imagined.

After digging a 24-0 hole against Houston early in the second quarter Sunday, Patrick Mahomes and the rest of the high-flying Chiefs embarked on the biggest comeback in franchise history. Their young superstar proceeded to throw for 321 yards and five touchdowns, Travis Kelce and Damien Williams reached the end zone three times apiece, and Kansas City reeled off 41 consecutive points in a 51-31 victory over the Texans in the divisional round of the playoffs.

The Chiefs (13-4), who lost to the Patriots in overtime in last year's conference title game, will play Tennessee next Sunday for a spot in Miami. The Titans stunned Lamar Jackson and the top-seeded Baltimore Ravens on Saturday night.

Kelce finished with 10 catches for 134 yards, Williams ran for two scores while catching a TD pass, helping the Chiefs win their seventh consecutive game and reach back-to-back AFC title games for the first time.

Watson, meanwhile, threw for 388 yards and two touchdowns while running for another, but not even his heroics could bail out the Texans (11-7) after



**Kansas City Chiefs running back Damien Williams (26) scores a touchdown past Houston Texans safety Justin Reid (20) during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game, in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.**

they were outscored 28-0 in the second quarter. They continued to allow Kansas City to pull away during a dismal third, their epic collapse leaving the reborn Houston franchise 0-4 in the divisional round.

The Chiefs certainly gave them the perfect opportunity to finally break that streak in the first quarter.

On defense, Kansas City blew coverage on Kenny Stills on the opening possession, allowing him to walk into the end zone from 54 yards. On offense, they wasted timeouts, dropped a series of easy passes and managed just 46 yards. And on special teams, the Chiefs had a punt blocked for a score and fumbled a return that set up another touchdown.

Indeed, the Texans were humming right along af-

ter finishing on a 22-3 run to beat Buffalo last week, while the mountain of miscues made by the Chiefs made them only the fourth home playoff team to trail 21-0 after the first quarter. Then it was the Texans' turn to struggle.

They had stretched the lead to 24-0 before the Chiefs, whose largest deficit overcome had been 21 points, put together a comeback for the ages. Mahomes hit Williams with a quick touchdown toss to begin it, then Houston curiously faked a punt at its own 31-yard line and was stuffed, giving the Chiefs a short field and another easy touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff, Texans return man DeAndre Carter had the ball pop loose and into the arms of Darwin Thompson, whose

return set up a second Mahomes-to-Kelce touchdown in a matter of seconds. And a third came after the Chiefs forced a punt — a successful one, for a change — and they drove 90 yards to take a stunning 28-24 halftime lead.

The comeback became a clobbering by the time the third quarter ended. The Chiefs' breezed downfield to start the second half, and Williams finished the drive with his first TD run. Their overhauled defense under coordinator Steve Spagnuolo sacked Watson on fourth down to get the ball right back, and Mahomes and Co. required just six more plays to position Williams for another TD run and a 41-24 lead.

It was the most unanswered points in a playoff game since the Jets had

41 against the Colts in the 2002 wild-card round.

Even when the Texans finally cracked the scoreboard, when Watson scrambled to his left and dived over the pylon, the Chiefs rendered the touchdown moot. In four plays they went 72 yards to set up the fifth TD pass by Mahomes, the strike to little-used tight end Blake Bell giving coach Andy Reid's team a postseason-record seven straight TD drives.

It also gave a festive crowd that turned out early in freezing weather and a slight drizzle a chance to celebrate early.

### INJURIES

Houston played without S Jahleel Addae (hamstring) and TE Jordan Akins (hamstring). They also lost RT Chris Clark to a knee injury early in the game, and backup Roderick Johnson struggled against the Chiefs pass rush the rest of the game.

Kansas City sat defensive tackle Chris Jones, who strained his calf muscle late in the week and couldn't make it through pregame warm-ups. WR Tyreek Hill left briefly after a hard hit but eventually returned to the game.

### UP NEXT

The Texans will spend the offseason wondering how they let a 24-0 lead slip away, and the Chiefs will begin preparing for the Titans in the AFC title game. Kansas City lost 35-32 at Tennessee in Week 10, when Derrick Henry ran for 188 yards and two touchdowns against them. It was the most recent time the Chiefs lost a game. □



# Pettersson, Markstrom help Canucks beat Wild 4-1

By ANDRES YBARRA

Associated Press

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Elias Pettersson scored his 21st goal and fellow All-Star Jacob Markstrom stopped 23 shots in the Vancouver Canucks' 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Sunday. Bo Horvat added two goals — the second into an empty net with 5.7 seconds left — and Troy Stecher also scored the Canucks. They've won nine of 11 and picked up their second win in two days.

Devan Dubnyk made 26 saves, and Marcus Foligno scored for Minnesota. The Wild were held to 24 total shots after averaging 40 in their previous three games. A day after scoring four third-period goals in Buffalo to snap a two-game skid, the Canucks scored three in the second period and briefly broke out of a power-play funk.

After a scoreless first period, Vancouver ended an 0-for-18 power-play drought stretching over five games on Pettersson's second-period goal as things were turning chippy. Minnesota answered with Foligno's eighth goal of the season at the 11:58 mark to bring some life to an otherwise sleepy arena.

But the tie lasted only 13 seconds, with Horvat tapping in a loose puck just outside the crease off a shot from Tanner Pearson. The Canucks struck again 1:13 later when Stecher's hard wrist shot from just above the right circle beat Dubnyk's glove to make it 3-1.

The Wild were whistled for eight penalties, and Minnesota's 20th-ranked power play unit went 0 for 5 on the man-advantage. Minnesota emptied its net early in the fourth but couldn't solve Markstrom.

**Predators 1, Jets 0**

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)**

— John Hynes is getting some quality play from his goaltenders since taking over as head coach of the Nashville Predators on Tuesday.

Hynes was behind the bench Sunday for his third game and watched as backup Juuse Saros made 28 saves for his first shutout of the season in a 1-0 victory over the Winnipeg Jets. On Thursday night, veteran netminder Pekka Rinne scored his first career goal in a 5-2 victory over Chicago.

"I thought the guys in front of (Saros) defended really well, but any time a goal-



Vancouver Canucks' goalie Jacob Markstrom, of Sweden, deflects the puck in the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Minnesota Wild, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, in St. Paul, Minn.

Associated Press

tender gets a shutout he's got to make some huge saves," said Hynes, who's 2-1-0 with a loss to Boston on the day he took over from a fired Peter Laviolette.

The Predators are 3-1-1 in their past five games to improve to 21-16-7.

Connor Hellebuyck stopped 31 shots for the Jets. They have lost six straight at home.

"It's not like we've been six in a row at home that have

been terrible," Jets forward Andrew Copp said. "It's kind of been intermixed with one-offs here and one-offs there. I mean, we've got to right the ship and figure out what to do, but we've had success here for a long time. I don't think it's a long-term issue, but definitely something we got to worry about for next game."

Predators captain Roman Josi had his points streak end at 12 games. He had 20 points (seven goals and

13 assists) during the career-high run and franchise record for defensemen. It was the NHL's longest active streak.

Saros stopped Andrew Copp on a short-handed breakaway early in the first period.

A Winnipeg turnover in its defensive zone led to Yakov Trenin and Turris going in alone on Hellebuyck. Trenin passed the puck across the front of the net to Turris and he beat Hellebuyck. □

## Ray Shero is out as New Jersey Devils' general manager

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Ray Shero has been fired as the New Jersey Devils' general manager after a four-plus year tenure that saw the three-time Stanley Cup champions make the playoffs only once.

Owner Josh Harris announced the change less than 90 minutes before the struggling Devils were to face the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Prudential Center on Sunday. The owner said the move was effective immediately.

Speaking at a hastily called news conference outside the locker room, Harris said assistant gener-

al manager Tom Fitzgerald would handle Shero's duties with the help of Devils goaltending great Martin Brodeur.

"It's never a good time to do this but once you make the decision, you have to act on them," Harris said. "We thought this was the right thing to do for the franchise."

The change comes a little more than a month after Shero fired head coach John Hynes in the wake of a horrible start to the season and the trade of 2017-18 NHL MVP Taylor Hall to Arizona shortly after the Hynes firing.

New Jersey, which has made the postseason

once since the Stanley Cup Final in 2012, came into the season with high expectations. Hall was returning from a knee injury that limited him to 33 games last season. Nico Hischier, the No. 1 overall pick in the 17-18 draft, was entering his third season and he was joined by fellow center Jack Hughes, the No. 1 overall pick in the June draft.

The season didn't go as planned. New Jersey lost its first six games and the team was 9-13-4 when Hynes, now the Nashville Predators coach, was fired.

Interim coach Alain Nasreddine has the team



New Jersey Devils owner Josh Harris, left, announces interim general manager Tom Fitzgerald, right, to replace Ray Shero prior to an NHL hockey game Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

playing a little better. Harris said he spoke with Shero on Sunday afternoon and informed him of the decision. It happened less than 24 hours after the Devils beat Washington 5-1 in one of their best games of the season.

"We don't do these things lightly. We take a long-term approach," Harris said of his tenure with Shero. "But the reality is we are now in our fifth season and we've made the playoffs once. It was just time for a change." □



# Djokovic leads Serbia to win over Spain in ATP Cup final

By JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Novak Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal, again, in a must-win match to keep Serbia in contention. Then he went back on court within an hour and combined with long-time friend Viktor Troicki to clinch the very first ATP Cup. In the country where the seven-time Australian Open champion performs like it's his home away from home, Djokovic was the dominant figure in the debut of the 24-team, 10-day tournament.

"I have never experienced such a support in my matches ever anywhere, and I have played the biggest stadiums in tennis, and this was something different," Djokovic said, crediting the thousands of Serbs who chanted, sang and recreated the atmosphere of a football stadium. "I want to thank everybody for contributing to this victory on and off the court." Second-ranked Djokovic had a 6-2, 7-6 (4) win over No. 1 Nadal on Sunday night to level the final after Roberto Bautista Agut had given Spain the lead by beating Dusan Lajovic 7-5, 6-1 in the first singles match. After extending his lead to 29-26 in career head-to-heads with Nadal, and his supremacy over the Spaniard on hardcourts, Djokovic combined with Troicki for a 6-3, 6-4 win over Pablo Carreno Busta and Feliciano Lopez to clinch the title. "I'll remember this experience for the rest of my



Serbia players hold up the ATP CUP after defeating Spain during their ATP Cup tennis tournament in Sydney, Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.

life — it's one of the nicest moments of my career," Djokovic said. "I've been very fortunately blessed, had an amazing career over the last 15 years, but playing for a team, playing for a country with some of my best friends is just — you can't match that. It's too special."

He said the support from the Serbian community in Sydney was "off the charts." "There's a lot of Serbian people in Sydney," Djokovic said. "If you want to make a celebration, we're ready." Djokovic has won nine straight against Nadal on hardcourts, and 19 consecutive sets, since losing the 2013 U.S. Open final. Nadal withdrew from the doubles, citing fatigue, saying he had confidence

in his teammate Lopez, a four-time Davis Cup champion.

"I have been playing a lot of tennis the last couple of days. My level of energy is a little bit lower than usual," Nadal said. "So is a team decision, and we believe in our team. That's why we had success in the past." After playing six singles matches and two doubles matches in 10 days — on both the west and east coasts of Australia — less than two months after guiding Spain to the Davis Cup title in Madrid, Nadal urged the International Tennis Federation and the ATP to negotiate to form one world team championship.

"I think (ATP Cup) is a great competition but ... I can't

change my mind that two World Cups in one month is not real," he said. "So we need to find a way to fix it and we need to find a way to make a big deal with ITF and ATP to create a big World Team Cup competition."

Spain's early lead put extra pressure on Djokovic. He hadn't lost a singles match at the tournament — a run that includes wins over U.S. Open finalists Daniil Medvedev and Kevin Anderson as well as Gael Monfils and Denis Shapovalov, and started like losing wasn't a consideration.

"I started off the match perfectly, really. Everything worked for me," he said. "Serve got me out of trouble in the second set."

He broke Nadal's serve in

the opening game, which lasted eight minutes and included two requests from the umpire to the crowd to keep quiet during the service motion.

Djokovic held for a 2-0 lead, the game going to deuce, and then didn't concede a point on serve for his next three games, closing the set in 39 minutes with three straight aces.

Nadal got over his frustration with the noisy crowd and found his range in the second set, conceding just a point in each of his first three service games. He had also had a huge opportunity to go up a break in the sixth game, but was unable to convert five chances as Djokovic rallied from 0-40 to hold.

Djokovic then had two breakpoints in the 11th game, which would have given him the chance to serve for the match, but Nadal rallied from 15-40 to hold. Djokovic had a nervy start to the tiebreaker, serving a double-fault to fall behind 2-1, but after his forehand clipped the net and landed in, he started to gain control. From 4-4, he won every point, starting the roll with a backhand winner down the line. The 10,223-strong crowd at Ken Rosewall Arena was packed with Serbia supporters who waved their flags and chanted "Serbia, Serbia, Serbia," and Djokovic's nickname "Nole" throughout the final.

A little after 1 a.m. local time Monday, they were cheering for their champions. □

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United States Serena Williams with the ASB Trophy after winning finals singles match against United States Jessica Pegula at the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020.

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## Serena Williams

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U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted: "Congratulations to @serenawilliams on another big win. She is a great player and an even greater person. Our members in Virginia (Tennis) will never forget you!" Williams was with Trump at the 2015 opening of the Trump Tennis Center. Williams was under pressure at first against the 25-year-old Pegula, playing in her third WTA final, but asserted herself more as the match

went on to claim her 73rd win in 98 finals and to add her name to a trophy won by her sister, Venus, in 2015. The last three years have been challenging for Williams as she juggled competing demands of tennis and motherhood. But she seemed to turn a corner during a demanding week in which she played both doubles and singles, turning out on all seven days of the tournament.

She was frequently behind in her matches but showed

typical determination to fight her way to the final and overcome Pegula, who ousted former top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki in the semifinals.

Pegula has been on a steady climb up the rankings since overcoming a serious knee injury two years ago. The daughter of Buffalo Bills owners Terry and Kim Pegula, she won her first WTA title in 2019 and appeared to be a star on the rise in all her matches in Auckland. □





Paulo Gonçalves of Portugal rides his Hero motorbike during stage seven of the Dakar Rally between Riyadh and Wadi Al Dawasir, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. Gonçalves, 40, died after an accident at kilometer 276.

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## Motorbike racer Paulo Gonçalves dies during Dakar Rally

**WADI AL-DAWASIR, Saudi Arabia (AP)** — Portuguese motorbike rider Paulo Gonçalves died on the Dakar Rally after crashing in the Saudi Arabia desert on Sunday. He was 40.

Gonçalves fell and suffered cardiac arrest about halfway through the 546-kilometer (339-mile) seventh stage, south of the Saudi capital Riyadh.

Australian rider Toby Price then Argentina's Kevin Benavides stopped to help, and a medical helicopter arrived on the scene within eight minutes of being alerted, rally organizers said on their website.

He was flown to nearby Layla hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"The Dakar mourns Paulo Gonçalves, one of the most experienced and beloved champions of the rally-raid family," organizers said on their website.

The eighth stage on Monday, a loop course around Wadi Al-Dawasir, was canceled for motorbike and quad racers "in order to give the riders time to mourn their friend," organizers said.

They added, "Paulo ... was immensely respected by both veterans and less experienced competitors who admired and were inspired by him."

Gonçalves was competing in his 13th Dakar. He was runner-up in 2015.

He's the first competitor to

die on the Dakar Rally, the world's toughest rally, since Polish motorcyclist Michal Hernik in 2015 in Argentina. Two non-competitors were killed in 2016 in crashes with vehicles.

Benavides was deducted the six minutes-plus he stopped and declared the winner of the stage to Wadi Al Dawasir.

Price, the defending champion, stopped for more than an hour and his time was adjusted so he was within 29 minutes of overall leader Ricky Brabec of the United States.

Cars leader Carlos Sainz won his third stage and extended his lead to 10 minutes over second-placed defending champion Nasser Al-Attiyah.

The rally ends on Friday. □

## Super Bowl-winning coach Jimmy Johnson into Hall of Fame

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

Jimmy Johnson, who coached the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl championships in the 1990s, has been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The hall announced his selection Sunday night as part of a centennial class that was chosen on Wednesday by a special committee. Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher was revealed Saturday night as the other coach being inducted.

"The only thing I can think of is all the assistant coaches who worked for me, all the great players who played for me are the reason," said a teary-eyed Johnson, 76. "I can't talk."

"This is so special to me because when you put in the work that we put in, it is nice for those people to appreciate it."

One of his best players, Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, could be seen tearing up as he heard the announcement from Green Bay, where he was announcing the Seahawks-Packers playoff game.

Hall of Fame President David Baker made the presentation during halftime of Fox's telecast.

A successful college coach at Oklahoma State and Miami, where he won a national championship in 1987, Johnson was hired in 1989 by new Cowboys

owner Jerry Jones. His initial team went 1-15, but Johnson rebuilt the roster — including trading star running back Herschel Walker to Minnesota for a slew of draft picks and players who were converted into draft choices. That deal is considered among the most one-sided in sports history, and it netted, among others, the draft pick that brought Emmitt Smith to Dallas.

Johnson left the Cowboys after the back-to-back championships for the 1992 and '93 seasons in a dispute with Jones. But the roster he built, under his college rival Barry Switzer, won the 1995 NFL crown, too.

Johnson later coached the Miami Dolphins before becoming a Fox TV analyst.

"Think of all the great players I have coached over the years," Johnson said. "From me to you: Thank you."

In his nine pro seasons (five in Dallas, four in Miami), he went 89-68. Johnson led the Cowboys to three playoff appearances and the two Super Bowl victories, and took the Dolphins to three postseason appearances.

The special panel met in Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday to elect the centennial slate for this year's class of inductees, marking the first time any members were elected during a selection meeting held at the hall.

The centennial slate in-



In this Jan. 28, 1994, file photo, Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson poses with the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy during an NFL football news conference in Atlanta.

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cludes 10 "seniors" (players who last played more than 25 seasons ago), three "contributors" (an individual other than a player or coach) and the two coaches (who last coached more than five seasons ago) and were voted on from a list of 38 finalists. The remainder of the 15-person centennial slate will be revealed live on "Good Morning Football" on Wednesday.

The Hall of Fame's overall class will consist of 20 members, including an additional five who will be added the day before the Super Bowl, when the modern-era player finalists are voted on by the usual selection committee. □

## Iran's only female Olympic medalist reportedly defects

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Iran's only female Olympic medalist said she defected from the Islamic Republic in a blistering online letter that describes herself as "one of the millions of oppressed women in Iran."

Taekwondo athlete Kimia Alizadeh posted the letter on Instagram as Iran's semiofficial ISNA news agency said she had fled to the Netherlands. She criticized wearing the

mandatory hijab headscarf and accused officials in Iran of sexism and mistreatment. "Whatever they said, I wore," Alizadeh wrote in the letter posted Saturday. "Every sentence they ordered, I repeated." She described the decision to leave Iran as difficult, but necessary. There was no immediate reaction from Iranian authorities. ISNA said Alizadeh had been reported injured and unable to



In this Aug. 18, 2016 file photo, Kimia Alizadeh Zenoorin of Iran celebrates after winning the bronze medal in a women's Taekwondo 57-kg competition at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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compete. Their report other nation's flag at the suggested Alizadeh may 2020 Olympic games in try to compete under an- Tokyo. □



# AP Explains: Not all cyber threats equally worrisome

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — West Virginia reported unusual cyber activity targeting its election systems. The Texas governor said the state was encountering attempted "attacks" at the rate of "about 10,000 per minute" from Iran. Information technology staff in Las Vegas responded to an intrusion, though the city says no data was stolen.

All told, state election officials in at least two dozen states saw suspicious cyber activity last week, although it's unclear who was behind the efforts and no major problems were reported.

Long before a targeted U.S. strike killed a top Iranian general, there were already concerns about foreign efforts to hack American institutions and elections. The conflict with Iran has only exacerbated those fears.

Yet as the recent spate of reports makes clear, not all suspicious cyber activities are equally troublesome, the work of a foreign government or a precursor to the type of Russian interference seen in the 2016 election on behalf of President Donald Trump. A look at what kinds of cyber activities are worrisome — and what are not:

## WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITY IS THIS?

Generally speaking, what the states are reporting are efforts to probe their networks for vulnerabilities, or weaknesses that can be exploited for potential intrusion. "Think of it in the real world as a bank robber walking by a bank — first thing they're going to do is case the joint, and the same thing happens in the digital space," said former FBI agent Anthony Ferrante, who served as director for cyber incident response at the White House's National Security Council.

The culprits are doing the cyber equivalent of wiggling a doorknob, said Ferrante, the global leader of the cybersecurity practice at FTI Consulting.

Scanning for network vulnerabilities is remarkably



This Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, file photo shows a polling place at Southside Elementary in Huntington, W.Va.

common. In fact, federal officials believe election systems in all 50 states were probably targeted during the 2016 election, though the number of known breaches — including in Illinois and a couple of counties in Florida — was significantly more modest. A Senate intelligence committee report said it found no evidence that votes or voting registration systems were altered.

## IS THE ACTIVITY WORRISOME?

It can be, to the extent that it demonstrates that a hacker has set his sights on exploring — and possibly returning to — a particular network, and especially if a target is part of the country's critical infrastructure. Much depends as well on the volume and frequency, since repeated, unwanted contact with a website can overwhelm an internet-connected server, effectively shutting it down in what is known as a distributed denial of service, or DDoS attack.

In general, though, when it comes to poking around a network, "I would certainly put it in a less severe category of threat activity than, say, an intrusion," said Luke McNamara, a principal analyst at FireEye, a cybersecurity firm.

It's "certainly not evidence that an intrusion has taken

place or that they've been compromised," he added.

## THE THREAT OF SPEARPHISHING

Experts say many major hacks originate not with network scans but with spearphishing emails — messages that appear legitimate but that actually launch malicious software that, once opened, can give an intruder access to the network or trick a target into unwittingly surrendering a network password.

It was a ploy used by Chinese hackers charged by the Justice Department in 2014 with hacking into the

networks of major American corporations and stealing their trade secrets, and with Russian hackers who stole emails belonging to the Hillary Clinton campaign during the 2016 presidential election.

"That might be evidence of a more targeted effort. It may be that one of those is going to get through, and all you need is one," said Suzanne Spaulding, former under secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the Department of Homeland Security.

She said the first big question that organizations

and governments have to confront is, "Do you have evidence that your system was breached? That's what you're really worried about."

The tactic is also significantly more subtle than pinging a network, and thus often a preferred technique for sophisticated hackers loath to raise alarms.

"If your attempt is to try to compromise an organization, you probably want to be a little more surreptitious about it," McNamara said.

## THE THREAT TO PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Practically speaking, there's a big difference between scanning a network for vulnerabilities and actually breaking into it and extracting sensitive information. But experts say even scans may nonetheless benefit Russia, or any other country looking to undermine faith in elections, particularly if unschooled officials sound unwarranted alarms. The American public may not appreciate the distinction between activities that may be fairly routine and full-blown cyberattacks.

"I believe that one of Russia's objects is to undermine public confidence in the legitimacy of the outcome just as a way of weakening us," said Spaulding, now a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. □

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## Detroit nonprofit to hold free programs on cybersecurity

**DETROIT (AP)** — A Detroit-based nonprofit focused on technology education and workforce development training will present two free events about cybersecurity.

The drama "Blackhat" will be shown Saturday afternoon at the Wilder library branch and Monday at the Redford branch as part of Uplift Inc.'s Future Tech in Movies series, according to Ida Byrd-Hill, the organization's president. Byrd-Hill will lead a discussion on cybersecurity during each showing.

Registration is required. "Science fiction movies have always portrayed future emerging technology and activities long before the technology occurred in real life," Byrd-Hill said. "Sometimes, movies have portrayed the technology 30-plus years in advance. This is where society is going and why you need to be prepared for it."

Video gamers also are invited to take part in Uplift's Game Workz series that starts Jan. 25 at the Wilder library branch. The program features opportuni-

ties to learn about technology, programming and cybersecurity games.

Participants must register for access to practice competition software.

"Cybersecurity specialists must understand how to engineer the internet and computer networks to stop cyber hackers and attackers," Byrd-Hill said. "Many companies and government agencies utilize video game performance to select employees."

Both programs are designed for adults. □



## 2014 Fed conundrum: How to alert markets rates were going up

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER** and  
**CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
AP Economics Writers

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In her first year as Federal Reserve chair, Janet Yellen presided over a policy panel divided over the issue of how much longer the central bank could afford to keep its benchmark interest rate at a record low, and how to prepare financial markets for the start of rate hikes.

According to transcripts of the Fed's discussions released Friday, Yellen and the majority of the panel debated the reasons that inflation remained stubbornly below the Fed's 2% target even as unemployment kept falling.

The transcripts showed Fed officials struggling to adopt a modest change in wording to their policy statement at the December 2014 meeting. They sought to alert financial markets — without causing alarm — that the Fed might start raising its key policy rate in 2015 after keeping that rate at a record low near zero since the depths of financial crisis in December 2008.

The committee ended up splitting the difference by saying that it planned to be "patient" with its start to rate hikes.

But to guard against a mar-

ket overreaction, the panel decided to emphasize that this change in wording was "consistent" with the Fed's previous statements that said it planned to keep rates at their current low "for a considerable time."

The committee approved this change on a 7-3 vote, a highly unusual split for such a relatively modest change in the policy statement.

One of the dissenters, Richard Fisher, then president of the Fed's Dallas regional bank, argued in the meeting that he believed improvements in the economy's performance since October had moved forward the timing of when the Fed would need to start raising interest rates.

Richard Plosser, then head of the Philadelphia Fed and another dissenter, objected to using any wording that linked the first rate hike to a passage of time, given the improvements already being seen in the economy.

By contrast, Narayana Kocherlakota, then head of the Minneapolis Fed, said by signaling possible rate hikes, the central bank was putting at risk the credibility of its stated goal of achieving 2% inflation.

Fed Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer, in an effort to lighten the mood, quoted from



In this Aug. 14, 2019, file photo former Fed Chair Janet Yellen speaks with FOX Business Network guest anchor Jon Hilsenrath in the Fox Washington bureau in Washington.

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Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," where Humpty Dumpty says, "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

Yellen, for her part, noted that while the panel had a "range of views" on how to reword the policy statement, she said she appreciated the panel's willingness to find common ground so the Fed could "communicate our policy intentions to the public as clearly as possible."

She told the panel that in the news conference that would follow the announcement she intended to tell reporters, if asked, that "patient" meant that the central bank would not start raising rates until after

the next two meetings.

The panel ended up adopting the wording that Yellen had backed, a move supported by Jerome Powell, who was then in his third year on the central bank and would end up succeeding Yellen as Fed chairman in February 2018. As 2015 unfolded with continued low inflation, the Fed ended up not hiking rates until December of that year, with the Fed waiting another full year before it boosted rates by another small quarter-point in December 2016.

The Fed with Yellen at the helm followed those moves with three rate hikes in 2017. The Powell-led Fed raised rates another four times in 2018 before reversing course as the U.S. and

global economies slowed in 2019. The Fed cut rates three times in 2019.

That led President Donald Trump, who tapped Powell to succeed Yellen, to complain that the central bank had raised rates too much and hurt the economy and the stock market.

The Fed releases a policy statement immediately following its eight meetings each year and, under a process started by Powell, also holds a news conference after every meeting. Three weeks after the meetings, the Fed releases minutes of the closed-door meetings which summarize the discussions.

The actual transcript of what is said at the meetings is not released until five years have passed. □

## Report: U.S., China reach agreement to resume economic talks

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States and China have agreed to resume semiannual talks on economic and trade issues, according to a published report. These discussions had been conducted in previous administrations but had been halted by the Trump administration.

The Wall Street Journal reported Saturday that the resumption of the talks, which were started in the George W. Bush administration and continued in the Obama administration, was set to be announced on Wednesday when the



In this Sept. 16, 2018, file photo, American flags are displayed together with Chinese flags on top of a trishaw in Beijing.

Associated Press

Trump administration signs a Phase One trade agreement with China in Washington.

The newspaper said that

the new talks would be separate from negotiations over a Phase Two trade deal, which will cover a number of contentious is-

ssues involving Chinese policies that the Trump administration contends are unfair trade practices but were not resolved in the Phase One negotiations. □

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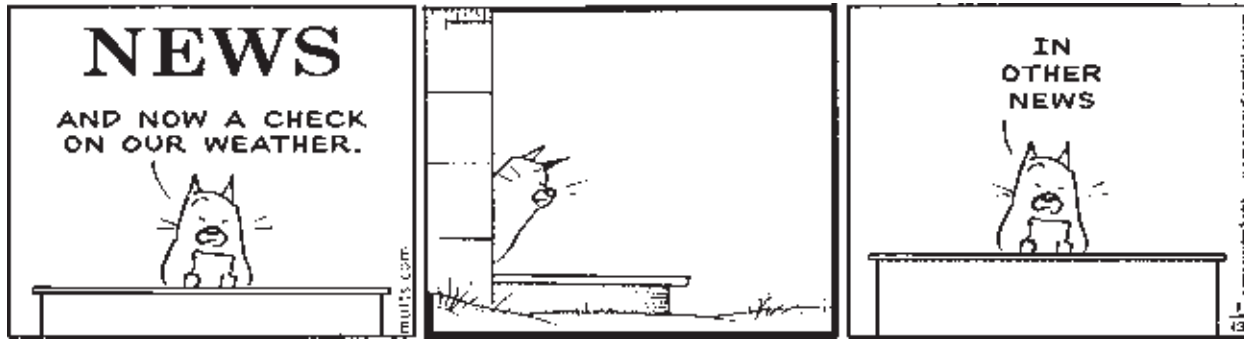
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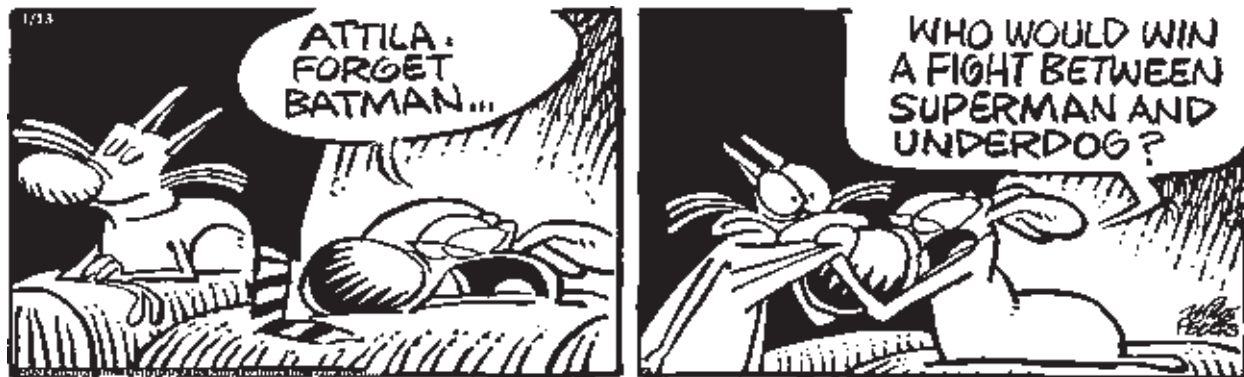
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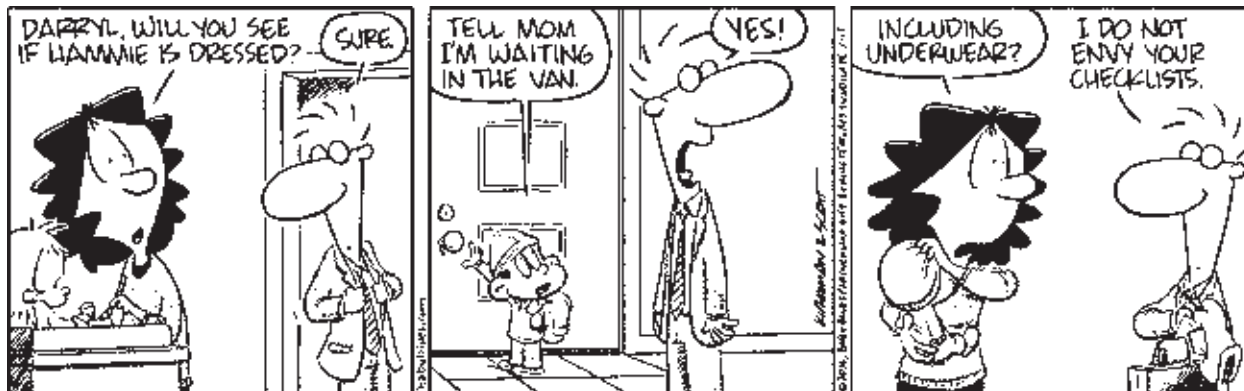
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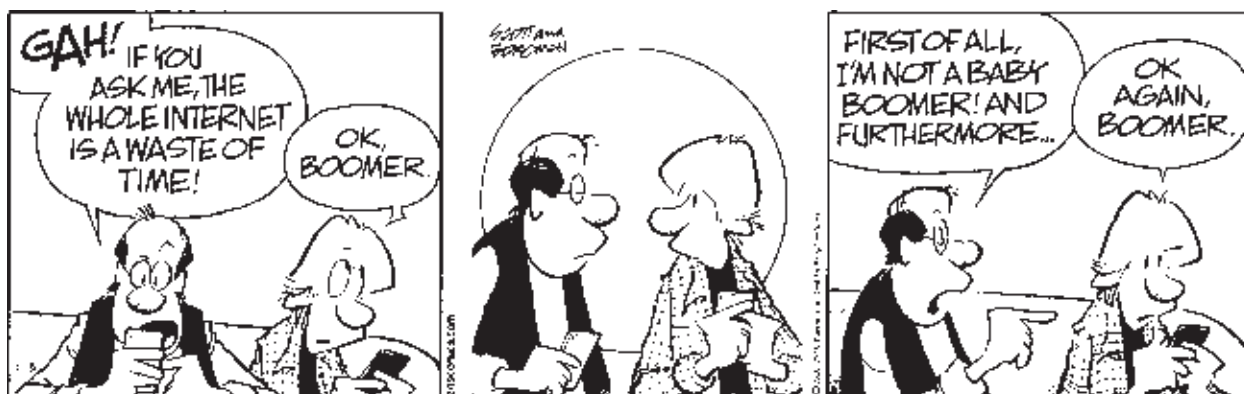
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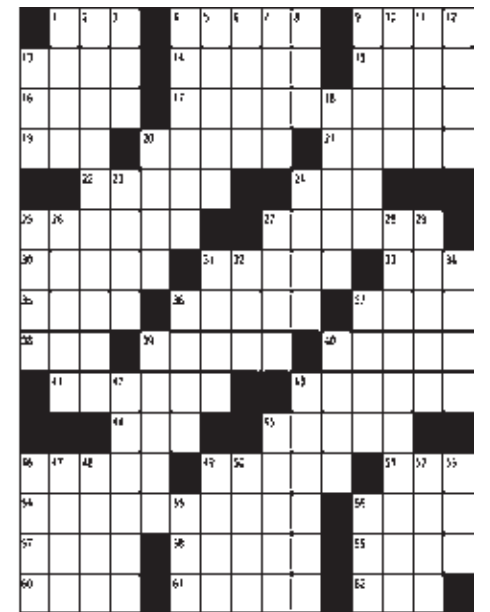
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

5	4	8	7	1	9	6	3	2
7	6	2	4	8	3	5	1	9
3	1	9	6	2	5	8	7	4
4	8	3	5	9	2	7	6	1
2	9	1	8	7	6	4	5	3
6	5	7	1	3	4	2	9	8
1	2	6	9	5	8	3	4	7
9	3	4	2	6	7	1	8	5
8	7	5	3	4	1	9	2	6

**ACROSS**

- 1 Swat
- 4 Northwestern U.S. state
- 9 Nauseated
- 13 Glass rectangle
- 14 Large fruit
- 15 Eyelet
- 18 more again
- 17 Pa
- 19 Bowl result for sport
- 20 Delta employee
- 21 Jumps
- 22 Ho dip
- 24 Fast plane
- 25 Case for a blade
- 27 Hoses off
- 30 Singer Coma
- 31 Wake slough
- 33 a moment too soon just in time
- 35 Wood splitters
- 36 Lumber song
- 37 Engine
- 38 3rd denomination
- 39 drama
- 40 Hooded jacket
- 41 eyed, unrealistic
- 43 Most respectful
- 44 Even score
- 45 Food for Israelites in the desert
- 46 up for defended
- 49 Three Vice
- 51 Sock part
- 54 Home to the Vard Hare & the Mac Hater
- 56 Acapulco aunts
- 57 Way up in years
- 58 Sma's weight
- 59 Dancers
- 60 Cathedral service
- 61 Haze AKC dogs
- 62 2/26/20 Wednesday



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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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HAVE	AMIGO	LOBO
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ASTIR	MASS	IDO
REHEARSALS	PLEA	
URAL	SALVE	REEK
TENS	TWEET	ODDS

**DOWN**

- 1 Baseball's Aaron
- 2 unable to speak clearly
- 3 Follower of Jesus
- 4 Vischevous
- 5 Passed out cards
- 6 In addition
- 7 Emcee
- 8 Cal. Hot Tin Roof
- 9 Mattress toppers
- 10 Dubuque's state
- 11 App'aid
- 12 Isles off Florida
- 13 Cauldron
- 18 Ford or Close
- 20 Compassion
- 23 It's music to my
- 24 Irish dances
- 25 Arguer
- 26 Wren's spelt's
- 27 Hitchhiker's hope
- 28 Peas
- 29 Pundries
- 31 Supportive nation
- 32 Journal
- 34 Been there, done
- 36 Unsuited
- 37 Be a breadwinner
- 39 Wedding party member
- 40 Sma's body of water
- 42 with no speaking to
- 43 Made wood smooth
- 45 Chop line's
- 46 Did the breaststroke
- 47 Gown for Caesar
- 48 Dollars
- 49 Make indistinct
- 50 Pathway
- 52 Sworn statement
- 53 Suffix for court or govern
- 55 Staa hom
- 56 Airline of cast decades





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# Rare salt formations appear along the Great Salt Lake

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Rare salt formations have been documented for the first time on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, and they could yield insights about salt structures found on Mars before they disappear for good.

They're showing up now in part because water levels at the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi have been lowered by drought and water diversion, exposing more shoreline. It's a story that's playing out throughout the American West as a growing population puts more demand on scarce water resources.

Along the high-salinity waters Great Salt Lake, the expanded shoreline means there are more places where water can bubble up to the surface from warm, sulfate-rich springs. When it hits the cold air, a mineral called Glauber's salt, or mirabilite, separates out. "It has to be exposed to just the right conditions," said park ranger Allison Thompson, who first saw them in October.

The tiny crystals have built up over the last several months, eventually creating flat terraces stacked atop one another like the travertine rimstone and dam terraces at Yellowstone's Mammoth Hot Springs.

From far away, the mounds can blend into the snowy landscape along the flat blue of the lake edged by distant mountains. From above, though, the cascading terraces are like an enormous piece of lace laid over the sandy earth. An up-close look reveals long, spire-like crystals clustered jaggedly together like something out of science fiction. There are now



In this undated photo provided by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, rare salt formations that are being documented for the first time along the shores of the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

four mounds at the Great Salt Lake beach, growing up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall and several yards wide. Mirabilite mounds are seen more often in places such as the Antarctic, bolstered by the constantly cold temperatures. There are also indications of similar structures on Mars, so study of the mounds in Utah could offer clues on how to examine salts found there. Salt deposits on Mars could hold clues about whether groundwater or even life was ever supported on the red planet, said Robert Zubrin, president of the Mars Society, a nonprofit group that runs a station simulating the planet in the Utah desert that isn't involved with studying the Great Salt Lake mounds.

"What would that look like? What would be the right detection instrument or technique?" he said. Mirabilite mounds are especially interesting because they're created by

water bubbling up from underground, so they can provide clues about what's beneath the surface without expensive drilling, said Richard Socki. He studied mirabilite mounds in the Antarctic when he was a NASA geochemist in the mid-2000s.

"The mounds are bringing things up from below, that's the beauty of those mounds," he said. But researchers don't have long to study the Great Salt Lake formations: As winter turns to spring, warming temperatures mean the salt won't continue to precipitate out of the water and the mounds will dis-

tegrate into a fine dust.

"That powder will eventually get blown away or dissolve into the lake," said Elliot Jagniecki, a geologist with the Utah Geological Survey. Park rangers will be conducting guided tours to the mounds in Utah this weekend.

The mounds are expected to be gone by February, and eventually melting snow will send runoff into the lake, raising lake levels and likely swallowing up the sites.

That's part of normal fluctuations with the seasons and drought cycles, but overall the lake isn't covering as much ground as it once

did, said Kevin Perry, professor of University of Utah who has studied stretches of dry lake bed. Much of that is due to water being diverted away from rivers that feed the lake for agriculture and other uses before it reaches the lake, he said.

Other water bodies in the West have faced similar pressures, including California's Owens Lake. It dried up as water was diverted to Los Angeles over the last century, leaving wind-blown dust that polluted the air before a recent anti-dust project brought some water back.

While the Great Salt Lake is now recovering from a drought cycle, the long-term trend has been a slow loss of about a ½ foot (15 centimeters) per decade, Perry said.

There can be a perception that water flowing to the Great Salt Lake is wasted because it's too salty to support much life beyond brine shrimp, but Perry said that's wrong. Brine shrimp are a \$1.3 billion industry in Utah, and the wetlands around the lake are a welcome haven for migrating birds.

"People have this viewpoint that every drop of water that makes it into the lake is unusable," he said. "They are missing the point that the lake and its ecosystem has needs, and those needs are not being met." □

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## Titanic wave of star-forming gases found in Milky Way

By MARCIA DUNN  
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(AP) — Astronomers have discovered a titanic wave of star-forming gases practically right under our noses in the Milky Way. Harvard University scientists reported Tuesday that this massive structure has been hiding out in the Milky Way galaxy's spiral arm closest to Earth. The researchers were building a 3-D map of our galaxy's interstellar

matter, using a star census gathered by Europe's Gaia spacecraft when they spotted the wave-shaped structure. It's an astounding 50 quadrillion miles (85 quadrillion kilometers) long and it's home to tens of thousands of baby stars, with the potential for countless more stellar births, according to the paper published in the journal Nature. All these stellar nurseries, or star-forming blobs of gas, are interconnected, accord-

ing to Harvard's Catherine Zucker. Together, they form this wavy, gassy filament, why this shape is still a puzzle. The sun is just 500 light years away from the wave at its closest point, according to lead author Joao Alves. The team was shocked by the discovery. No one expected "we live next to a giant, wave-like collection of gas — or that it forms the local arm of the Milky Way," Harvard's Alyssa Goodman said in a statement. □

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## Riding Globes, '1917' ends 'Star Wars' box-office reign

By ANDREW DALTON  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took the Great War to finally take down "Star Wars."

Director Sam Mendes' World War I story "1917" brought in \$36.5 million in its first weekend of wide release, easily topping the box office and ending the three-week reign of "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," which brought in \$15 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal's expansion strategy worked beautifully for "1917," as the film went from just 11 screens in its first two weeks to more than 3,400 on the weekend after it won Golden Globes for best director and best drama film, and just before Monday's Academy Award nominations, where it's likely to get nods in several categories.

"This is the blueprint for how to perfectly execute the platform release for a potential Oscar nominee and

Oscar winner," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. While the epic wartime feel of "1917," which was shot and edited to appear as though it was done in a single take, makes it a natural for major awards, its triumphs at the Golden Globes were a surprise over other dramas including "The Irishman" and "Marriage Story."

"I hope this means that people will turn up and see this on the big screen, the way it was intended," Mendes said at the Globes ceremony. Those hopes weren't unfounded. A good weekend was expected for the film, but it shot past those expectations.

"It's the not like the kids were clamoring for a World War I trench drama," Dergarabedian said. "A film like this could have easily slipped off the radar."

With its previous two-week take, "1917" has now

earned \$39.2 million in the U.S. and Canada and over \$60 million globally. That's of course dwarfed by Disney's total domestic take of \$478.2 million for "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," which is on the verge of reaching \$1 billion globally after four weeks.

"Jumanji: The Next Level" was in third place in its fifth week of release for Sony with earnings of \$14 million, and has totaled more than \$257 million domestically.

Sony has a smaller sort of hit in "Little Women," which could also make a mark at Monday's Oscar nominations and continues its strong run for a film of its kind, bringing in another \$7.65 million to put it in the sixth spot with a total of \$74 million after three weeks. The usual January box-office blahs were in effect for the week's new releases.

"Like a Boss," Paramount's comedy starring Tiffany Haddish and Rose Byrne, finished in a fourth-place



This image released by Universal Pictures shows George MacKay, center, in a scene from "1917," directed by Sam Mendes.

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tie at \$10 million with "Just Mercy."

"Underwater," 20th Century Fox's deep-sea adventure starring Kristen Stewart, brought in a tepid \$7 million and finished below "Little Women."

"For newcomers, this is usually not a bountiful time for the box office," Dergarabedian said. "It's usually about the holdovers and awards-

season contenders."

The tied-for-fourth \$10 million finish was better news for Warner Bros.' smaller-budgeted "Just Mercy," which stars Michael B. Jordan in the true story of an attorney appealing a murder conviction, and like "1917" was expanded from just a few screens to a few thousand in its third weekend. □





This photo taken Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 shows the book "Le Consentement" (Consent) by Vanessa Springora and displayed in a Boulogne Billancourt bookstore, outside Paris.

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## France's #MeToo: Book on child-sex writer prompts outcry

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — He was a middle-aged French author becoming known, even celebrated, for writing about sex with children. She was a fragile 14-year-old, too young to foresee the damage she says was done to her life by his predatory grip on her body and mind. Now a grown woman, Vanessa Springora is causing a literary, legal and cultural storm in France with her explosive tell-all book that alleges, in cutting detail, an underage and destructive sexual relationship with French writer Gabriel Matzneff, now in his eighties. The publication this month and quick commercial success of "Consent" is also being hailed by child-protection activists as a possible watershed moment for France. The book has ignited renewed debates about the country's permissive attitudes toward sex with minors and soul-searching about why Matzneff was long celebrated in Paris.

"This is a very important book. It's France's #MeToo moment," says Homayra Sellier, an advocate for child victims of sexual violence with the group Innocence in Danger.

Matzneff is rapidly becoming a pariah in the wake of the book's publication and is now the target of a new rape probe by Paris prosecutors. Yet for years, Matzneff was a frequent guest on French TV and radio. He was awarded a prestigious literary prize as recently as 2013 and honored by the French government with medals and an annual allowance.

But for the teenage Springora, Matzneff was the 50-year-old for whom she developed a schoolgirl crush after her mother, who worked in publishing, dragged her to a dinner party. There, she met and was bowled over by the writer who seemed to have eyes only for her. She alleges he then set about

grooming her until he was habitually waiting at her school gates so he could take her away for sex in his flat or a hotel.

Matzneff has defended himself in an essay, which the L'Express magazine published in full. He wrote that he will not read Springora's book, describing it as "a dagger to the heart" that is "intended to harm me, to destroy me" and which "tries to make me out as a pervert, a manipulator, a predator, a bastard." He described his relationship with Springora when she was "my young lover" as one of the "passionate loves" of his life.

Springora says it was Matzneff's own writings that helped break his hold on her.

While he was away on a trip, she read his fetid descriptions of having sex with other children, works he had told her not to look at. They punctured her illusions that their relationship was a special romance.

"His books were populated by other 15-year-old Lolitas," Springora writes, recalling how the blinders fell from her eyes. "This man was no good. He was, in fact, what we are taught to fear from childhood: an ogre."

Many other prominent French figures — belatedly — now say likewise.

Jacques Toubon told the Quotidien talk show that he regrets his decision as culture minister in 1995 to decorate the writer with France's Arts and Letters medal. The current culture minister, Franck Riester, now says Matzneff should no longer receive the annual state allowance for which he is eligible as a renowned author, calling him "the eulogist of pederocriminality."

While Springora's book is flying off the shelves, already in its seventh printing after a week on sale, publishers who for years backed Matzneff are running in the other direction. They are withdrawing his writings, including "The under 16s," a

shock essay first published in 1974. For some, those changes included permissive attitudes to sex, even with minors.

France's trail-blazing 20th-century thinkers Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir, future Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and dozens of others joined Matzneff in signing a 1977 petition, published in the Le Monde newspaper, that defended three men detained for three years ahead of their trial for sexual activity with minors.

"Three years of prison for caresses and kisses, that's not enough," said the petition, which Matzneff later claimed he wrote.

Child-protection activists want to believe that the revulsion sparked by Springora's book shows that French attitudes are changing. They're also gratified by the refocused attention on Matzneff, a writer who had been allowed to slowly slide into relative obscurity, becoming unknown to many younger readers and seemingly freed of the risk of the legal and financial entanglements he now faces.

"It was very hard to watch him being praised to the skies by everyone," says Sellier, who wrote to then-President Francois Hollande in protest after Matzneff won the prestigious Renaudot literary prize, in its essay category, with few complaints in 2013. "It was shocking. It is shocking. Everyone looked the other way for 30-40 years."

Springora says that award was "unbearable" for her and was one of the triggers that prompted her to write about her experiences and the adults she blames for not protecting her as a vulnerable adolescent. They include her mother, who knew of the relationship, her absentee father, the French police, and others. Now working as a literary editor, the 47-year-old says she also struggles to understand why Matzneff's publishers marketed his most nauseating writings. □

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## NBC: Change will come to 'America's Got Talent' if needed

By LYNN ELBER

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) —

An investigation of Gabrielle Union's complaints of racism and other troubling behavior on the set of "America's Got Talent" is being taken very seriously by NBC, the network's entertainment chief said Saturday.

Paul Telegdy said the company will respond appropriately when it receives the findings of its inquiry, which he said may be completed by the end of January.

"I'm very confident if we learn something ... we will put new practices in place if necessary. We certainly take anyone's critique of

what it means to come to work here incredibly seriously," the NBC Entertainment chairman told a TV critics meeting during a Q&A session.

"We want to always go after the truth. That's our culture here, you can ask anyone who works here," he said.

Union, known for her roles in the films "Bring It On" and "Bad Boys II," was a judge on the talent showcase for a season, until she and fellow freshman judge Julianne Hough weren't asked to return.

The trade publication Variety reported that Union, who is black, believed she

was fired because she had asked NBC and the show's producers to respond to an environment that tolerated racist jokes and remarks. That included what Union said were multiple notes from producers saying she was wearing her hair "too black" for the "America's Got Talent" audience.

Union had also complained of other behavior, such as judge-producer Simon Cowell's smoking on the indoor set, Variety reported in November.

NBC has spoken with Union as part of its formal investigation that began in early December.

Without directly referring to NBC or the two companies that produce the show, Fremantle and Syco, Union has tweeted about her situation several times, acknowledging the support she's gotten and retweeting instructions on how to



In this July 10, 2019, file photo, Gabrielle Union arrives at the ESPY Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

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give a proper apology. Union's husband, former NBA player Dwyane Wade, and other prominent people have called for answers on why she was fired.

In a statement last November, NBC and Fremantle defended what they called

the show's "long history of inclusivity and diversity."

The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, of which Union is a member, also said that it was working with the actress to investigate her complaints. □

## PBS to mark its 50th anniversary with 'American Portrait'



Paula Kerger, President and CEO at PBS speaks at the executive session during the PBS Winter 2020 TCA Press Tour at The Langham Huntington, Pasadena on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, in Pasadena, Calif.

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) —

PBS will mark its 50th year with an exploration of what it means to be an American in a rancorous period.

"At a time when our country feels perhaps the fabric is becoming a bit frayed, we felt it was important for us to step back and really look at who we are," PBS chief executive Paula Kerger told a TV critics meeting Friday.

Her perception in traveling throughout the country, she said, "is what binds us together is so

much more apparent than what separates us."

"PBS American Portrait," is the network's most ambitious multi-platform project yet and aims to foster a nationwide discussion about America and its people, said programming chief Perry Simon. It will encompass a variety of working parts, starting with video, photo and other content from the public and including a web miniseries, local and national art exhibits and a documentary series airing in January 2021.

Participants are being asked to share their stories, filling in the blanks for such "conversation starters" as "I was raised to believe" and "What keeps me up at night," PBS said in announcing the project.

Americans can submit content on PBS' website, with community and local leaders called on to encourage people in their circle to share their stories.

The digital miniseries will launch in spring 2020, available to PBS Digital Studios' subscribers on platforms including YouTube and Facebook Watch. □

## Bye, Ricky Gervais: Poehler, Fey to host 2021 Golden Globes

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) —

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler will share host duties for the Golden Globes ceremony in 2021. Poehler herself shared the announcement at a TV critics meeting Saturday, just a week after the ceremony aired with Ricky Gervais as host. "There are no two funnier people anywhere," said Poehler, who introduced herself with the name of an NBC publicist who was to have opened the network's daylong presentation about its programming.

A tongue-in-cheek Poehler said the network was glad the pair found time in their busy schedules to take on the Globes. They have hosted three times before. At last Sunday's ceremony, Gervais' snarky jokes in his fifth turn as host received mixed reviews and reactions from the celebrity audience. Poehler and Fey earned a warmer reception for their comedic approach. Gervais repeatedly said during the ceremo-



In this Jan. 11, 2015 file photo, Tina Fey, left, and Amy Poehler arrive for the 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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ny that it was the last time he intended to emcee. A total of 18.3 million viewers tuned in, a small drop over the 18.6 million who watched the 2019 ceremony co-hosted by Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg.

"There's no denying that Tina and Amy's comedic chemistry is infectious," said Lorenzo Soria, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which bestows the TV and movie awards. "We can't wait to see the dynamic duo return to the

Golden Globes stage." Poehler joked that she couldn't wait to present the best film award to the video, "Puppy Dog Bouncing in the Box Like This."

NBC is keeping her busy: The network announced Saturday it's renewed the craft show "Making It," hosted and produced by Poehler and Nick Offerman, former "Parks and Recreation" castmates.

The date for next year's Golden Globes will be announced later, NBC said. □



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